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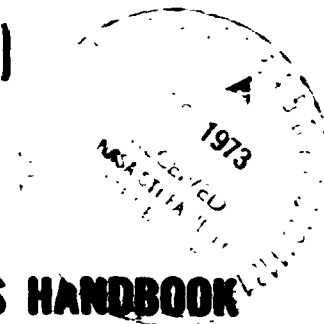
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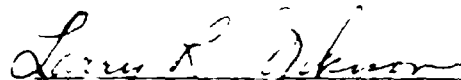
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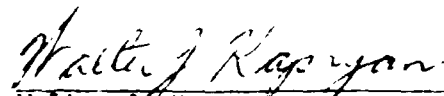
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### GROUND OPERATIONS AEROSPACE LANGUAGE (GOAL)

#### GOAL SYNTAX DIAGRAMS HANDBOOK

This handbook contains an alphabetical arrangement of syntax diagrams used in the Ground Operations Aerospace Language (GOAL). Descriptive writeups for the syntax diagrams are not included in this handbook; they are included in the GOAL Textbook. For background information about GOAL, refer to the GOAL Overview Document which relates the historical development of GOAL and provides a summary of features and capabilities of the language.

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# FEEDBACK LETTERS VERSUS DIAGRAM CHART

LETTER	PROPOSED VALUE	DIAGRAM NAME
A		Declare Data Statement
B		Declare Data Statement
C		Record Data Statement Request Data Statement
D		Activate Table Statement Inhibit Table Statement
E		Apply Analog Statement Issue Digital Pattern Statement Set Discrete Statement
F		Leave Statement Perform Subroutine Statement
G		Release Concurrent Statement
H		Stop Statement
I		Disable Interrupt Statement
J		Begin Macro Statement Expand Macro Statement
K		Begin Subroutine Statement
L		Free Data Bank Statement Use Data Bank Statement
M		Specify Statement
N		Specify Statement
P		Character String
R		Function Designator
S		External Designator
T		Name
W		Macro Label
Y		Revision Label

### FEEDBACK LETTERS VERSUS DIAGRAM CHART (CONTINUED)

LETTER	PROPOSED VALUE	DIAGRAM NAME
AB		Step Number
AC		Numeric Formula
AD		Integer Number
AE		Binary Number
AF		Octal Number
AG		Hexadecimal Number

DIMENSION TABLE Engineering units available for use in GOAL are listed in the following matrix.

FUNCTION TYPE	BASIC UNIT	$\times 10^0$	$\times 10^3$	$\times 10^6$	$\times 10^{-3}$	$\times 10^{-6}$
volts ac/dc	volt	V			MV	UV
current ac/dc	ampere	A			MA	UA
frequency	hertz	HZ	KHZ	MHZ		
	pulses per second	PPS	KPPS			
time	day	DAY				
	hour	HR				
	minute	MIN				
	second	SEC			MSEC	USEC
resistance	ohm	OHM	KOHM	MOHM		
inductance	henry	H			MH	UH
capacitance	farad	FD				UFD
power	watt	W	KW		MW	UW
	voltage, current or power	DB				
ratio	percent	PCT				
pressure	pounds per square inch	PSIG PSIA PSI				
	millimeters of mercury	MMHG				
	inches of mercury	INHG				
	millibars	MB				
distance	inch	IN				
	foot	FT				
	meter	M	KM		MM	
	nautical mile	NM				
velocity	feet per second	FT/SEC				
	meters per second	M/SEC				
	knot	KT				
	mach no.	MACH				
angle	degree	DEG				
	arcmin	ARCMIN				
	arcsec	ARCSEC				
	radian	RAD			MRAD	
	revolution	REV				
temperature	degrees centigrade	DEGC				
	degrees fahrenheit	DEGF				

CAUTION - The writer must take necessary precautions to insure the consistent use of compatible dimensions.

Other allowable dimensions are:

KILOVOLTS (AC or DC)	KV
DECIBELS above one milliwatt	DBM
DECIBELS above one watt	DBW
KILOVOLT AMPERES	KVA
VOLT AMPERES REACTIVE	VAR
KILOVOLT AMPERES REACTIVE	KVAR
PICOFARADS	PFD
MASS (grams)	G
ACCELERATION	M/SEC/SEC FT/SEC/SEC

If the full name of the basic unit DIMENSION is used, then either plural or singular will be allowed.



## EXPLANATION OF GOAL SYNTAX DIAGRAMS

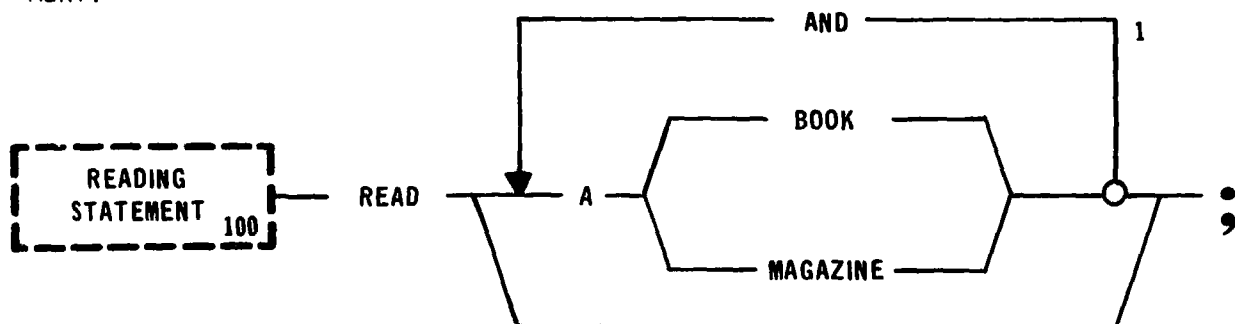
To illustrate the allowable variations of each GOAL statement, a presentation method using syntax diagrams was selected.

Syntax diagrams identify legal sequences of items in a GOAL statement, including alternate branches, optional entries, and feedback loops.

Some basic rules for using syntax diagrams are:

- Syntax diagrams are read from left to right except for feedback loops.
- — is a connecting path and indicates that the insertion of blanks and/or comments is allowed.
- Capital letters must be used as shown.
- Diagonal lines are alternate forward paths.
- A bubble indicates the start of a return (feedback) path.
- A numeral at the beginning of a return path indicates the maximum number of times a path may be taken.
- A letter at the beginning of a return path indicates the number will be assigned after a system is selected.
- Syntax notes provide semantical explanation.
- GOAL statements are terminated by a semi-colon.
- A syntax diagram reference number is placed in each syntax unit.

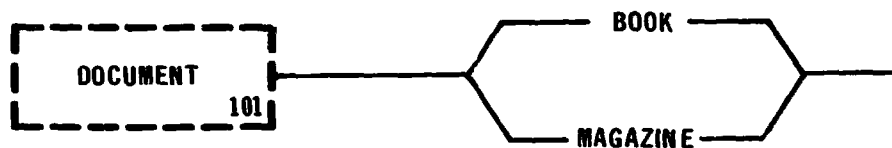
The following is an example of a syntax diagram illustrating a "READING STATEMENT."



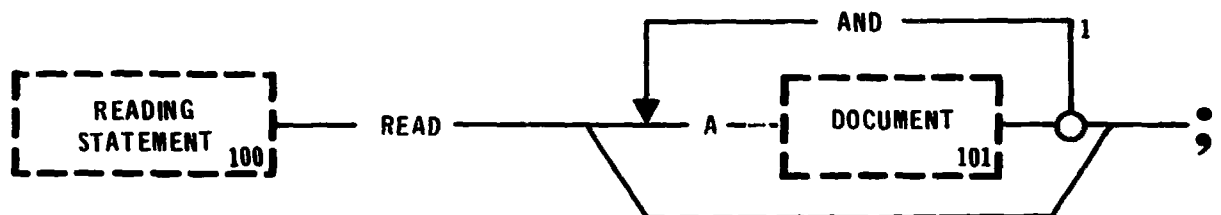
This allows any of the following sentences to be written:

READ;  
 READ A BOOK;  
 READ A BOOK AND A MAGAZINE;  
 READ A MAGAZINE AND A BOOK;  
 READ A BOOK AND A BOOK;  
 READ A MAGAZINE AND A MAGAZINE;

If the use of "BOOK" and "MAGAZINE" appeared the same way in several diagrams and represented a logical grouping, then a new syntax unit could be created.



The above diagram would then become:



The dashed box represents a syntax unit. The syntax unit on the left is being defined in terms of "characters" and other syntax units.

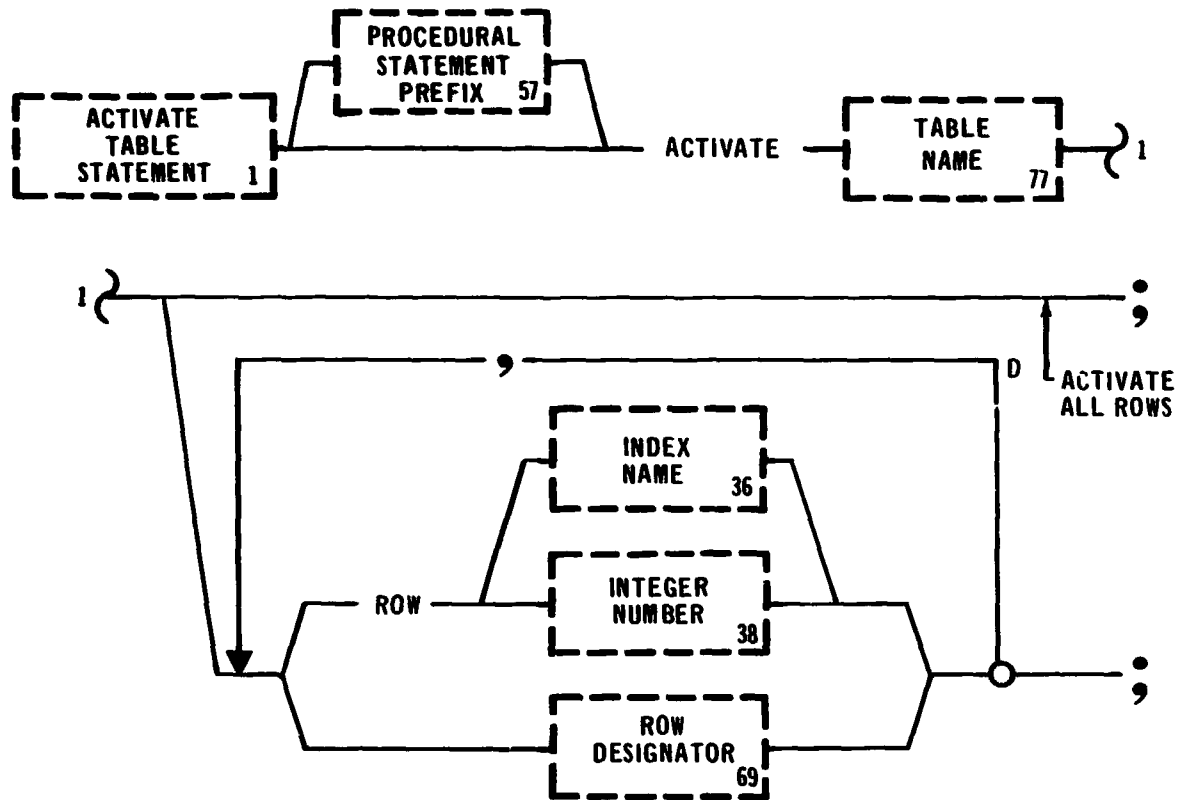
To facilitate the location of any syntax diagram in this handbook, an INDEX OF SYNTAX DIAGRAMS on page "iii" lists the initial words of the diagram name, the number of the diagram, and the page where it is located. A FEEDBACK LETTERS VERSUS DIAGRAM CHART on pages "iv" and "v" list the letter annotations on diagram feedbacks and the appropriate definition of each letter. Page "vi" is a table of dimensions allowed when referenced by a syntax diagram.

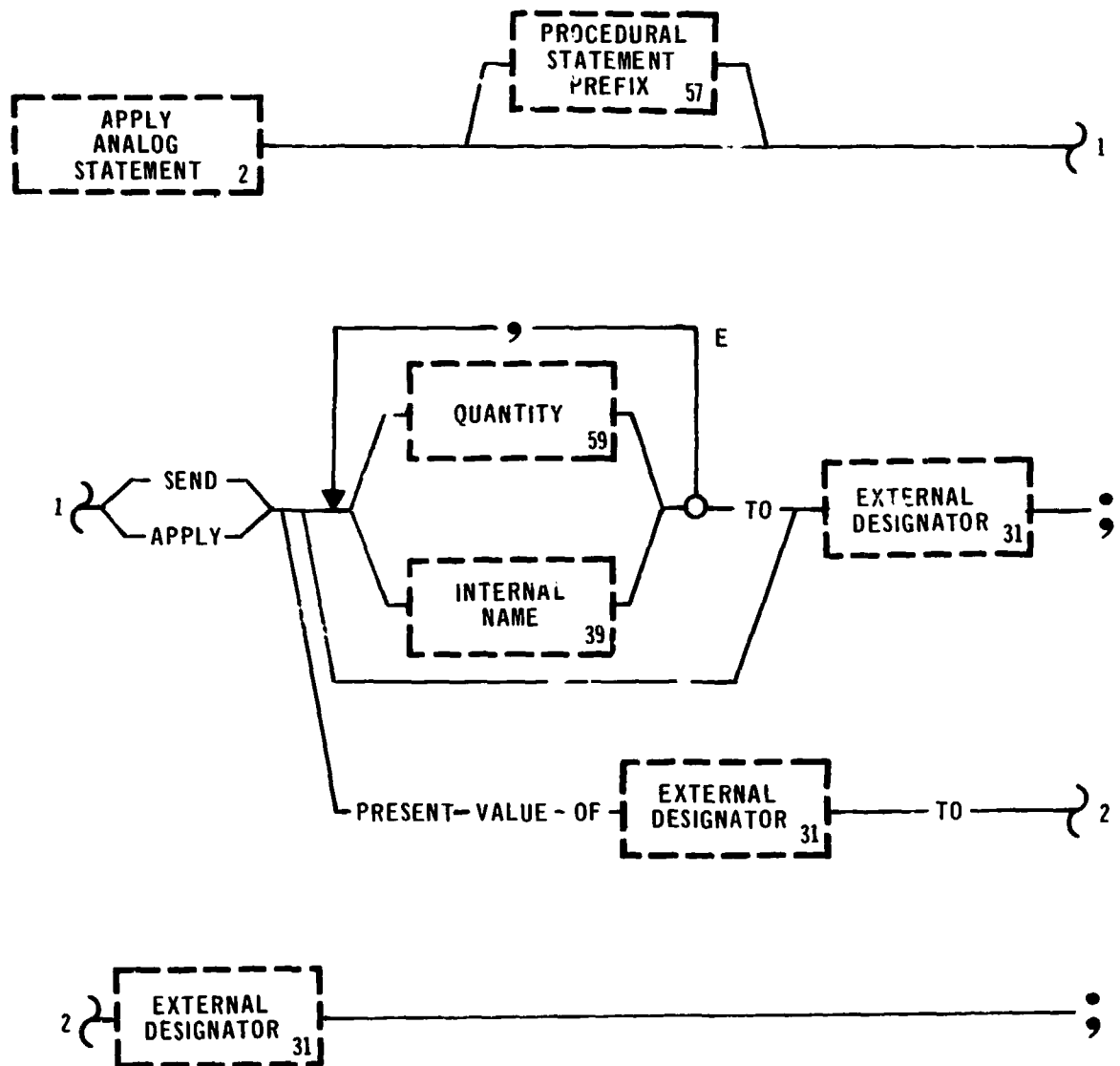
By convention, when writing GOAL Statements, the letter "Ø" should be slashed and the numeral "0" should not be slashed. This convention is not shown in the Syntax Diagrams.



# ACTIVATE TABLE STATEMENT

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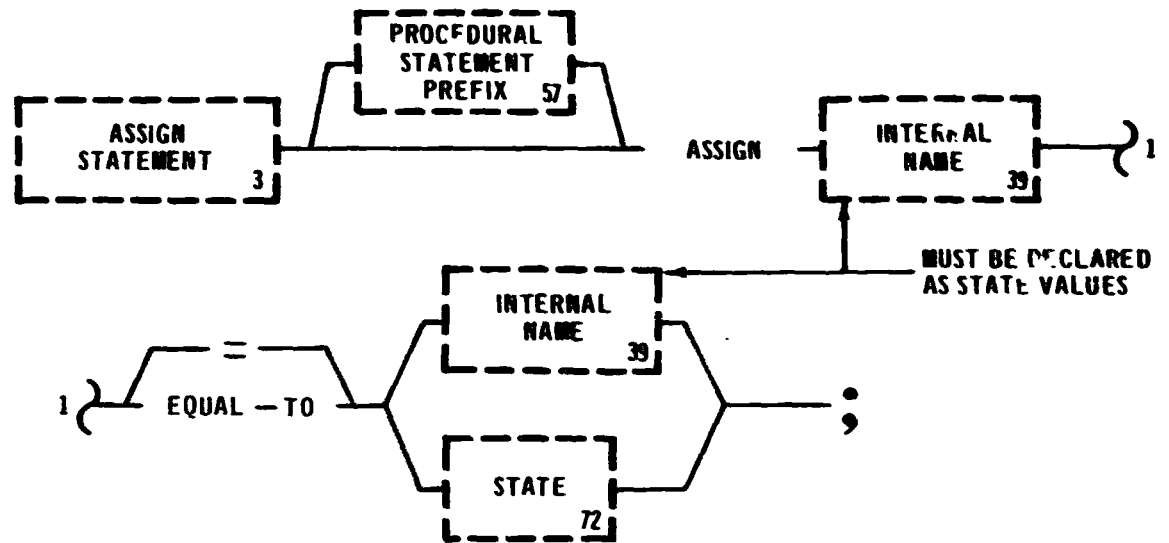




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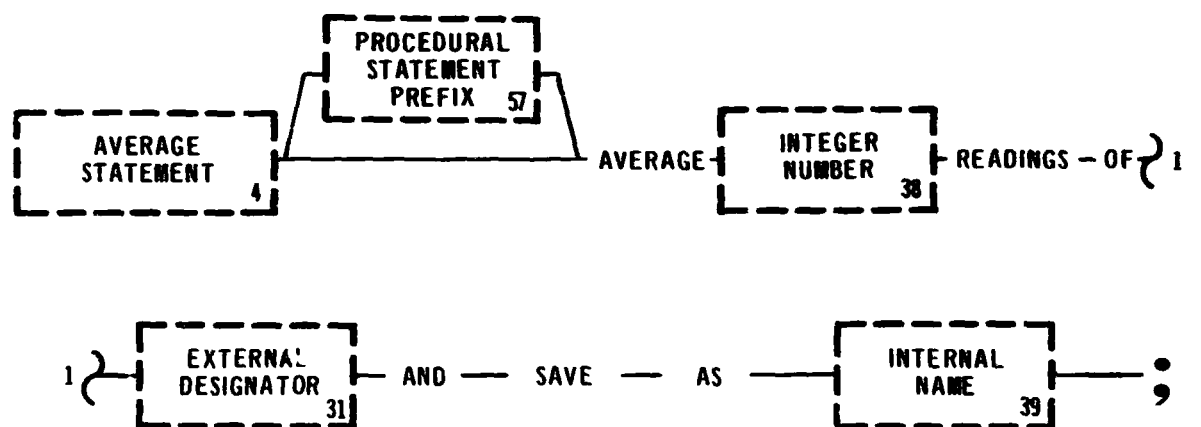
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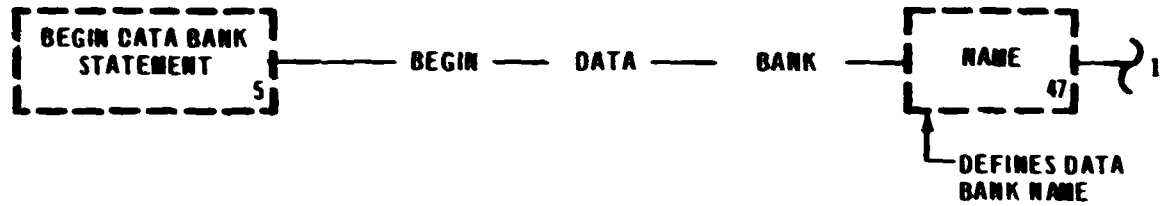
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## BEGIN DATA BANK STATEMENT

## BEGIN DATA BANK



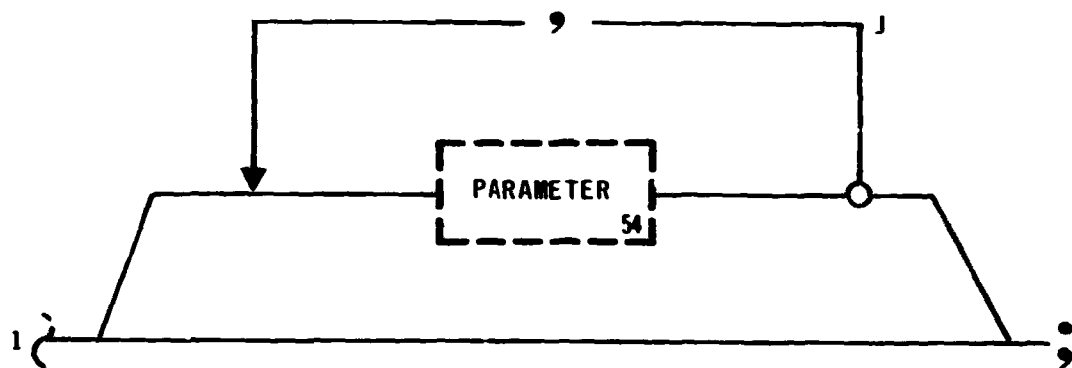
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## BEGIN MACRO

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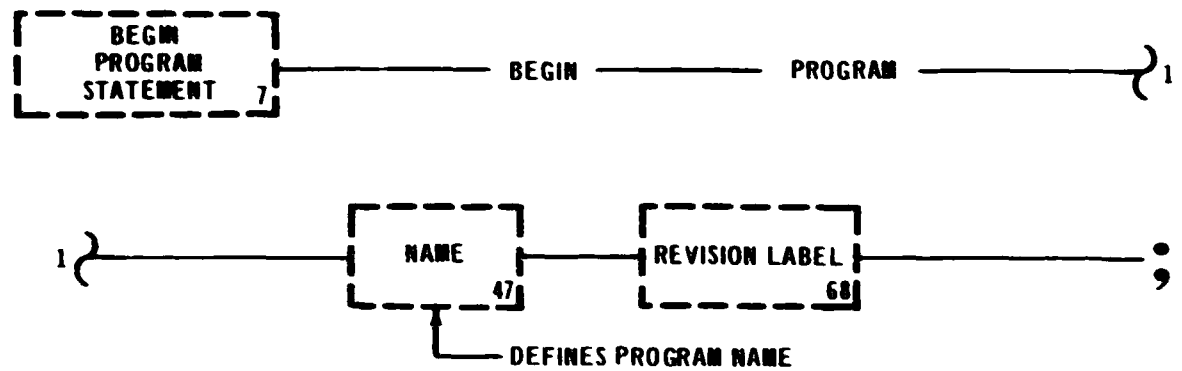
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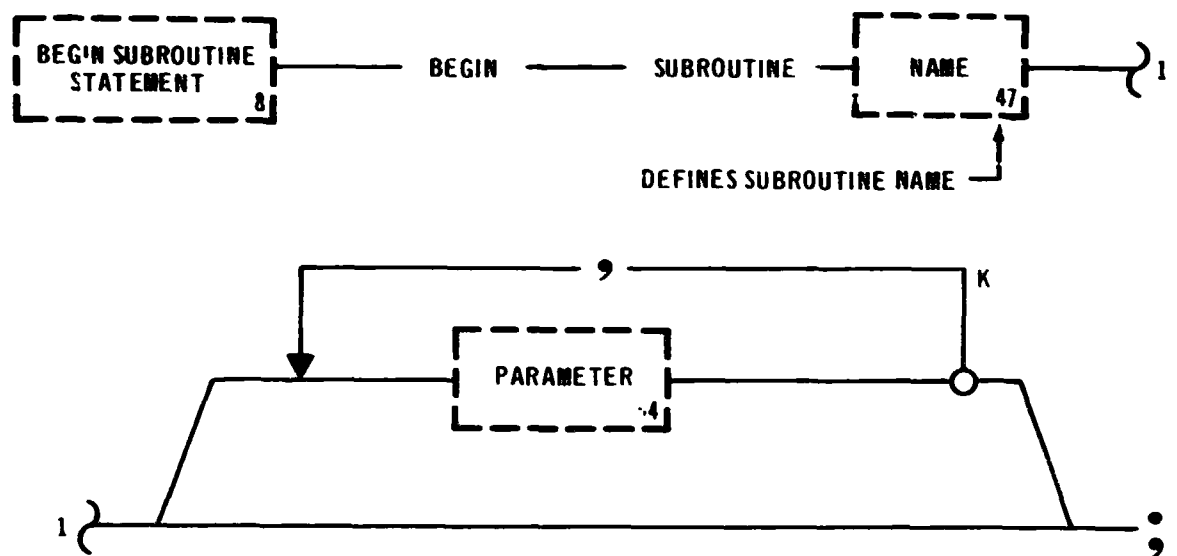
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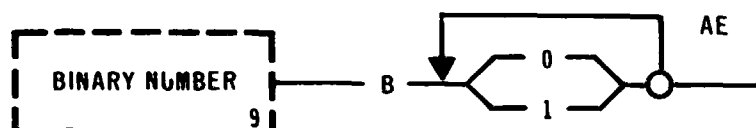
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## BEGIN SUBROUTINE



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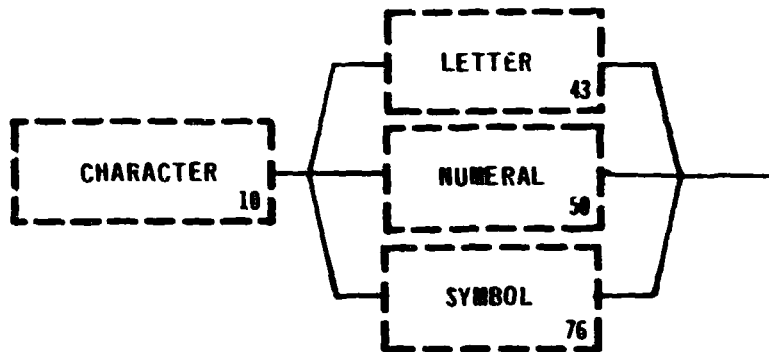
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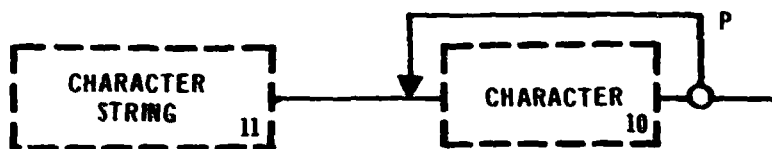
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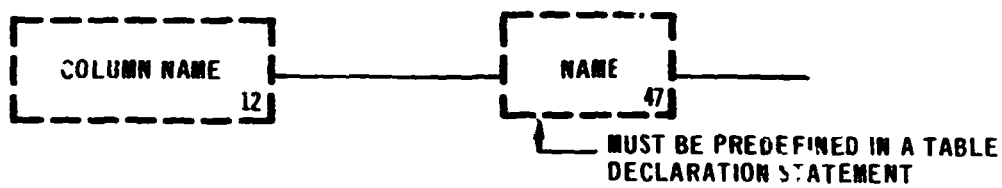
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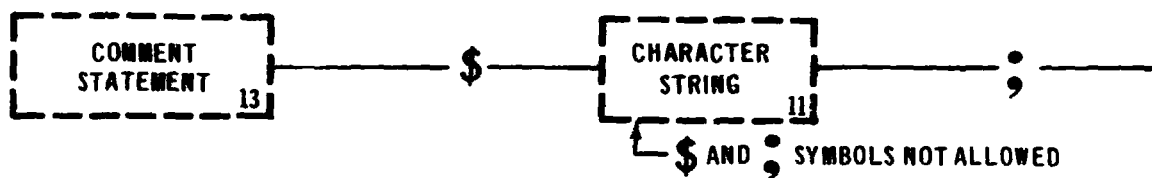
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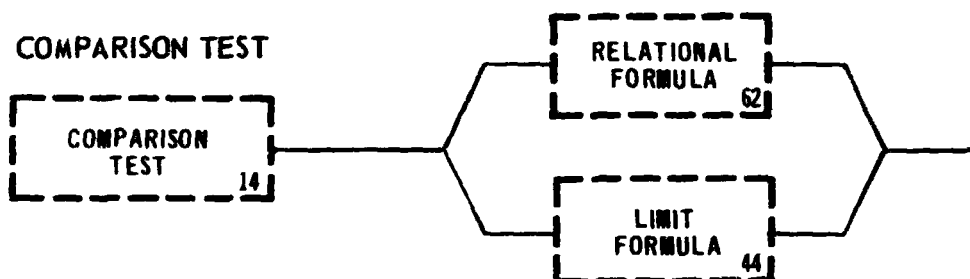
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## COMMENT-STATEMENT



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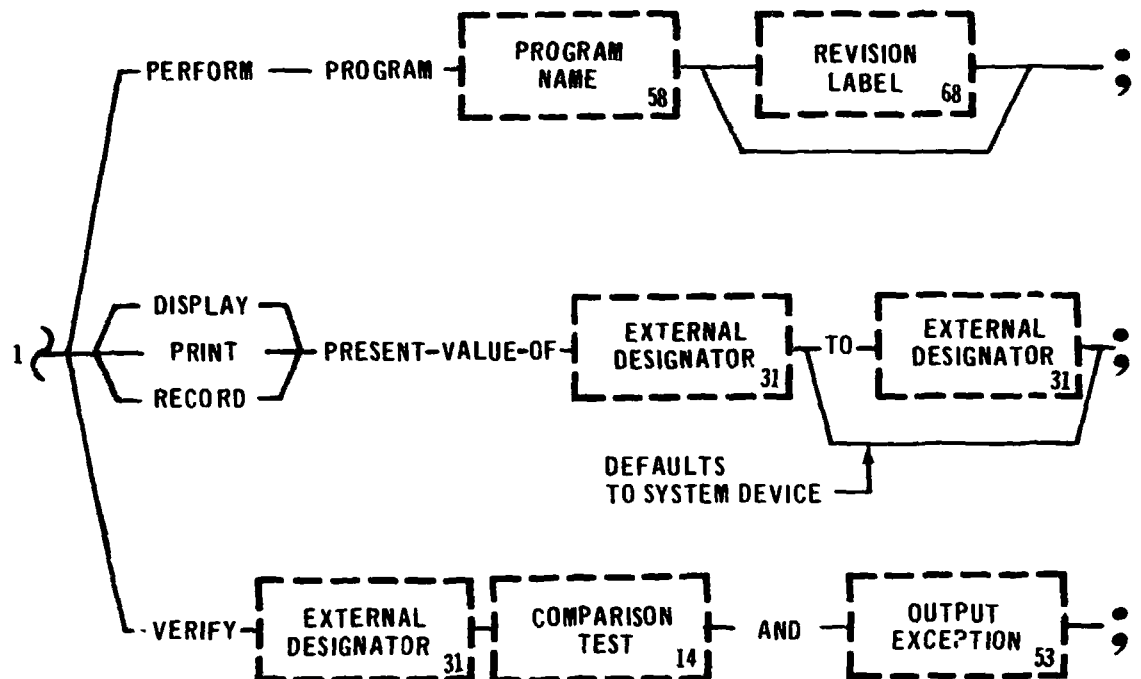
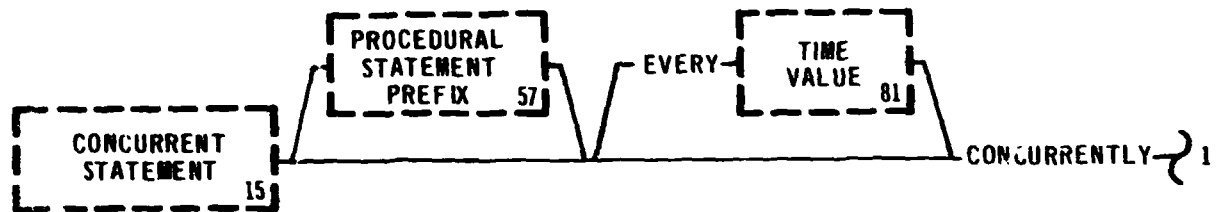
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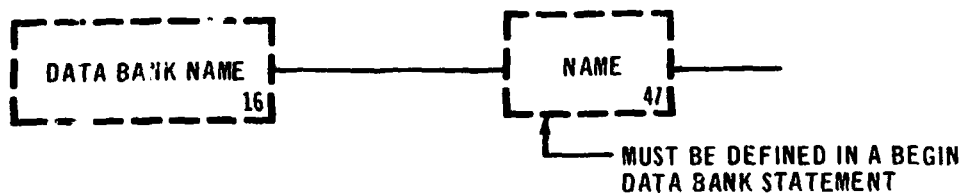
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## CONCURRENT



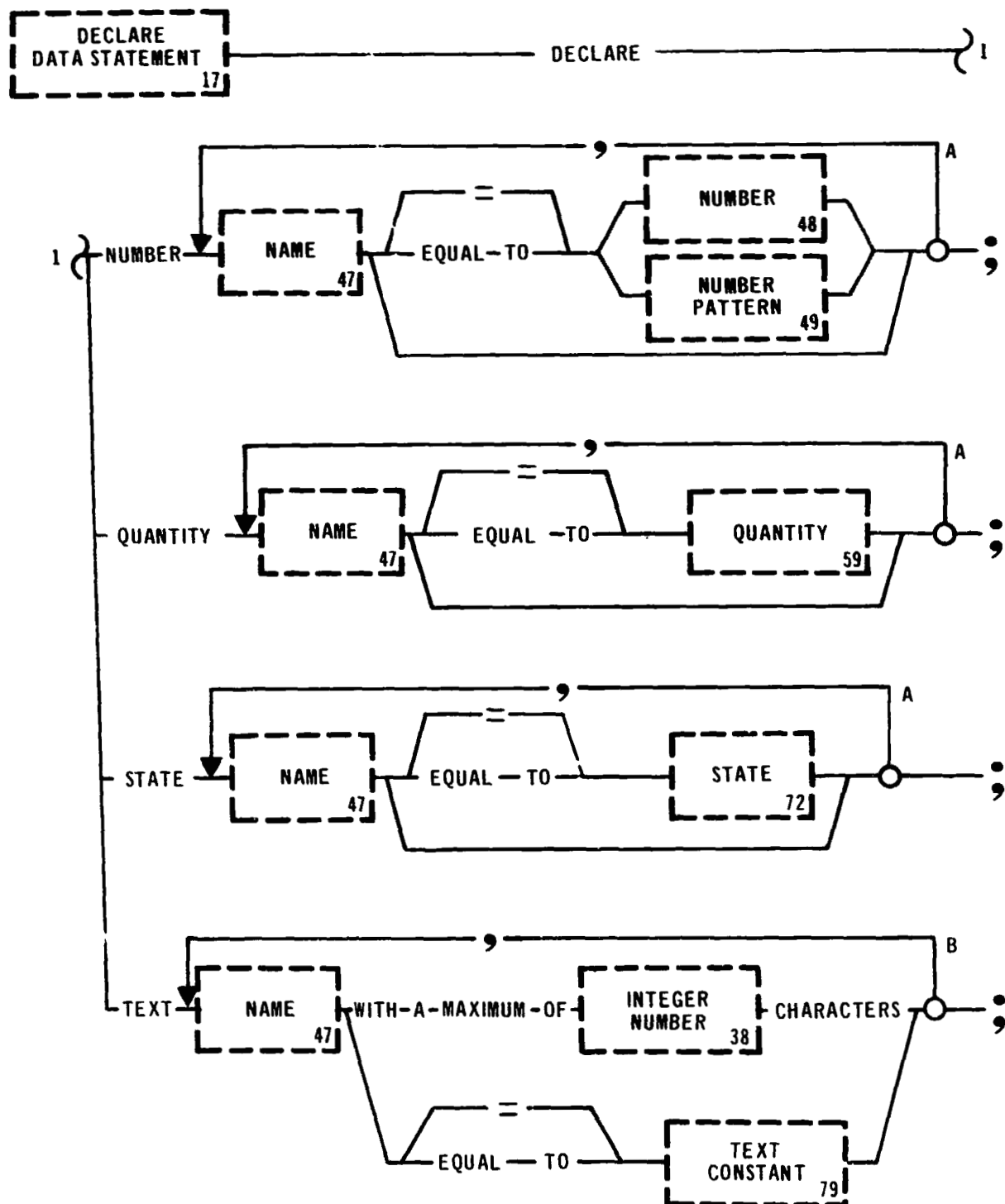
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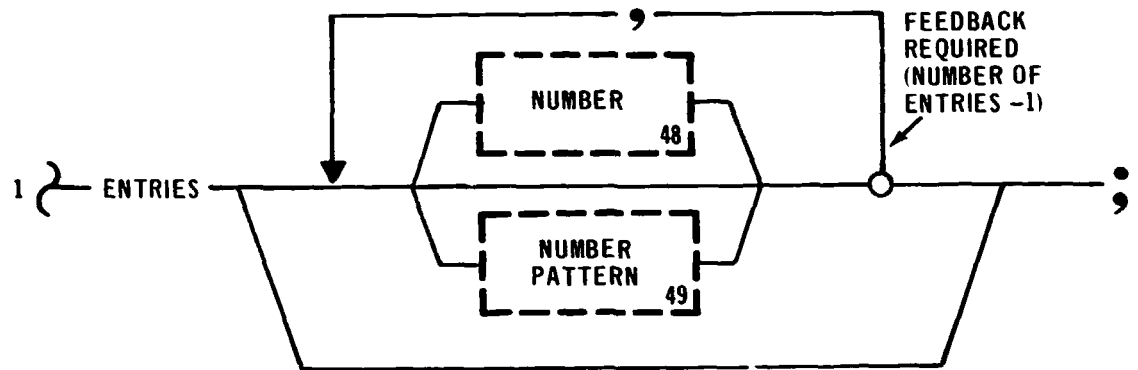
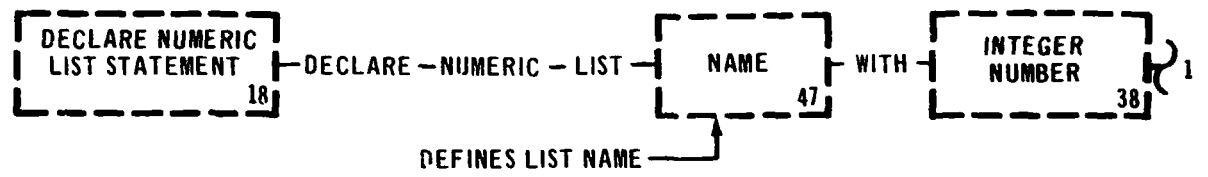


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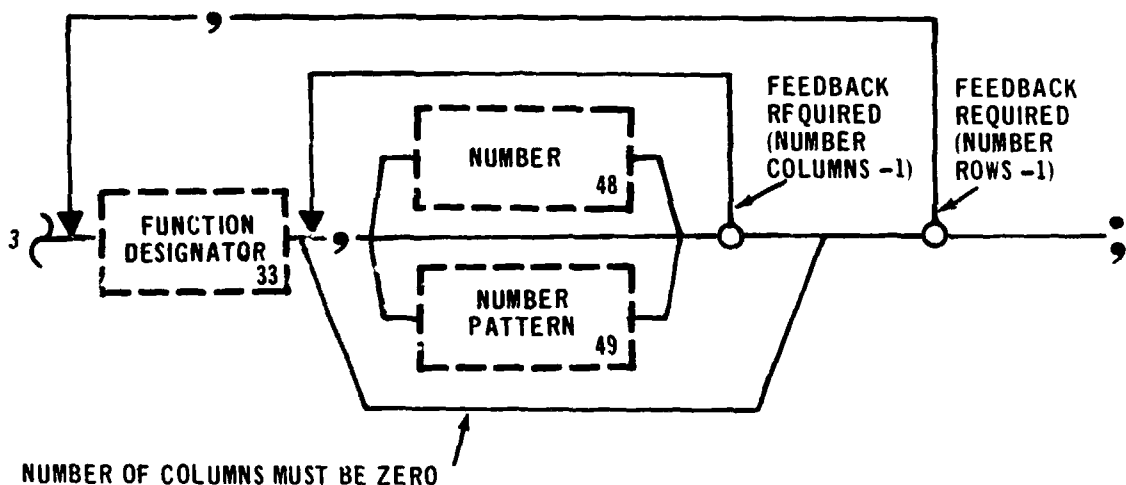
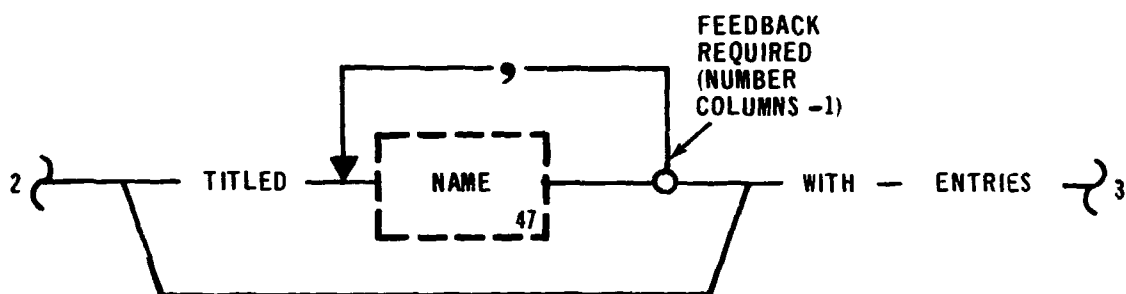
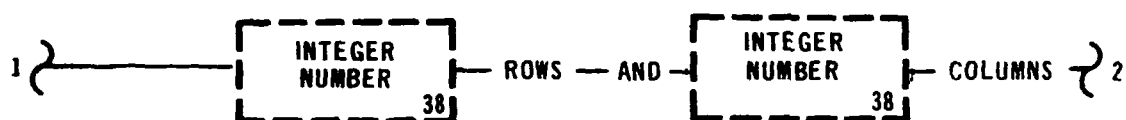
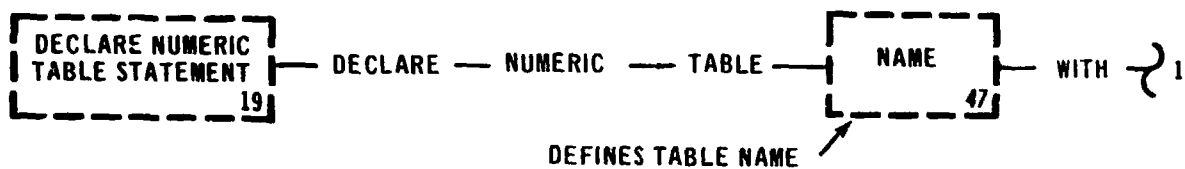


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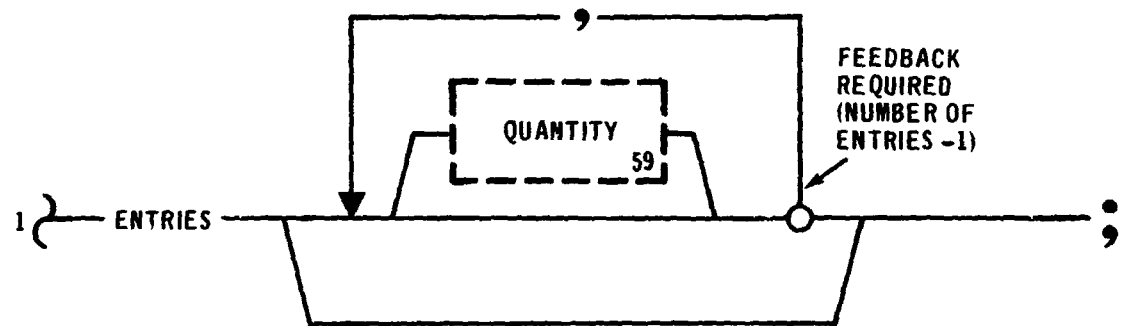
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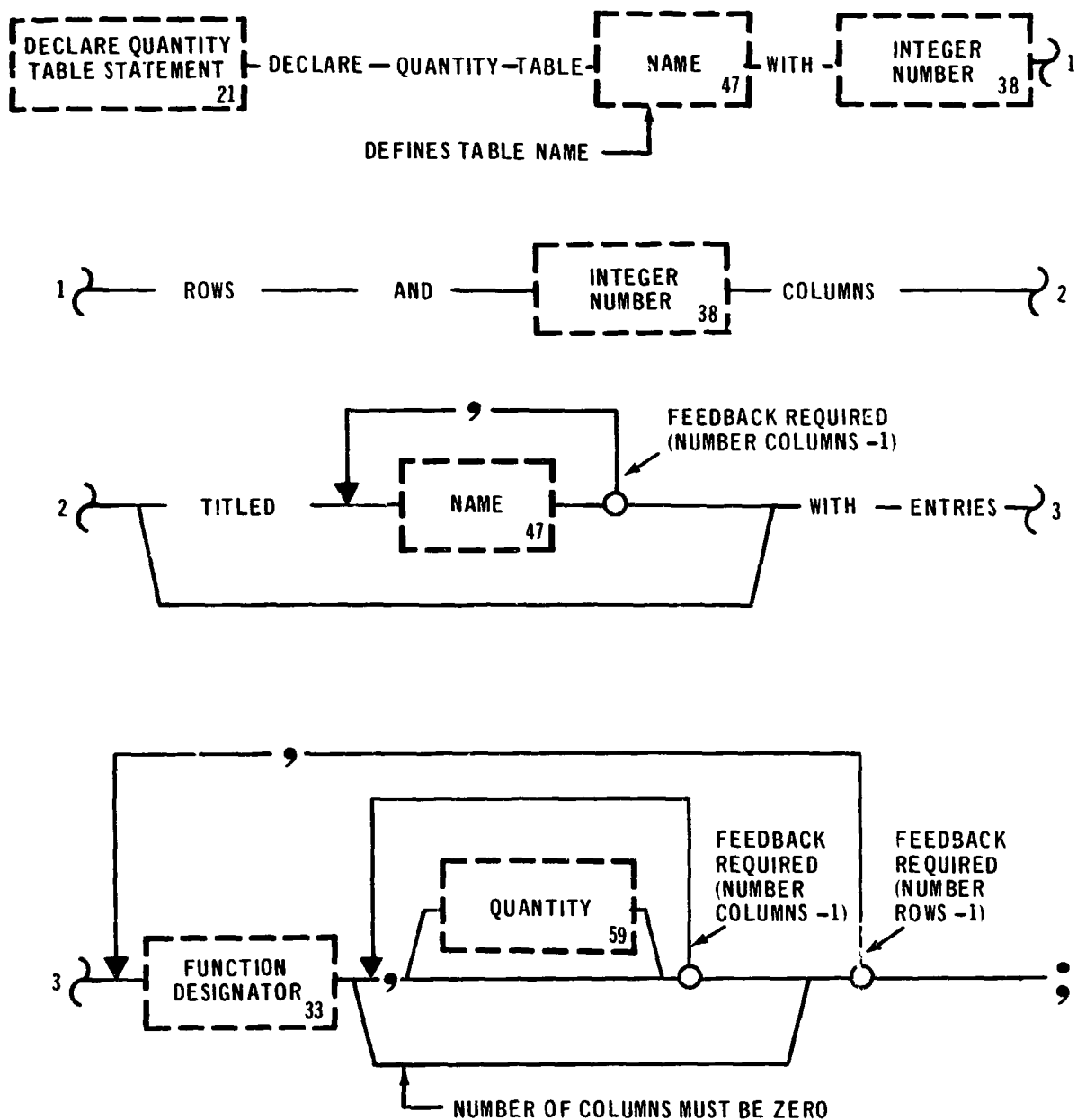
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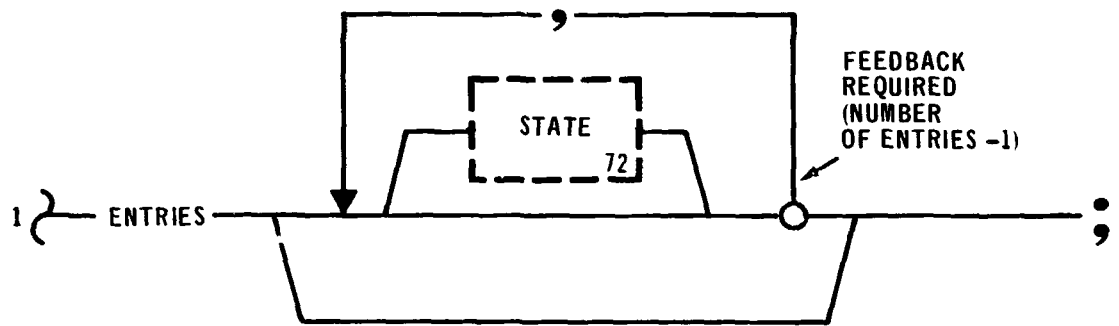
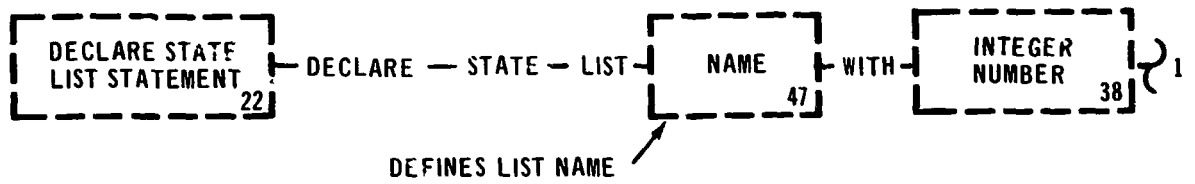
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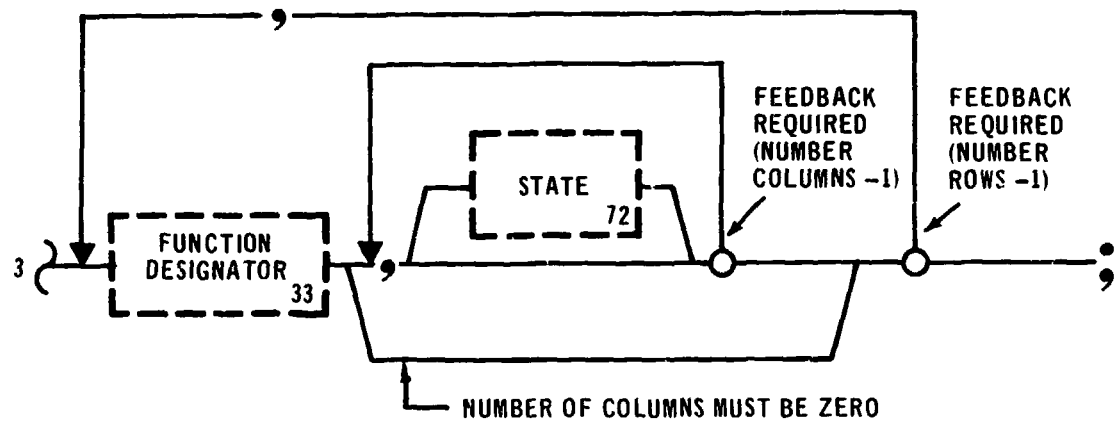
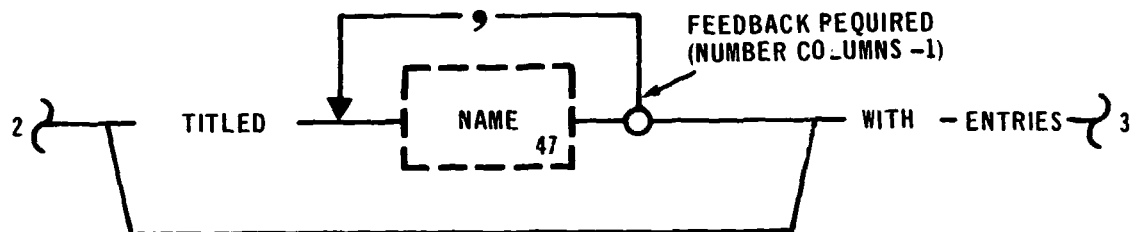
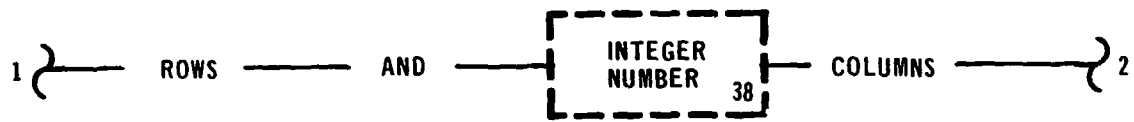
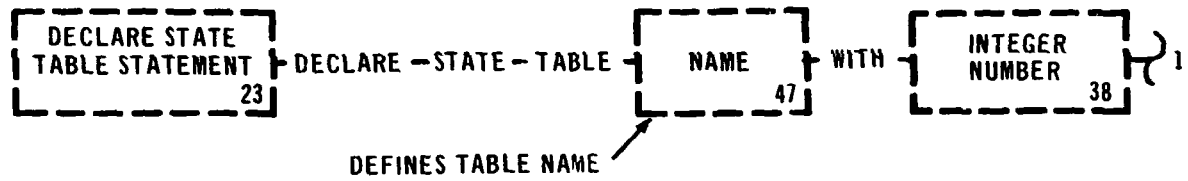
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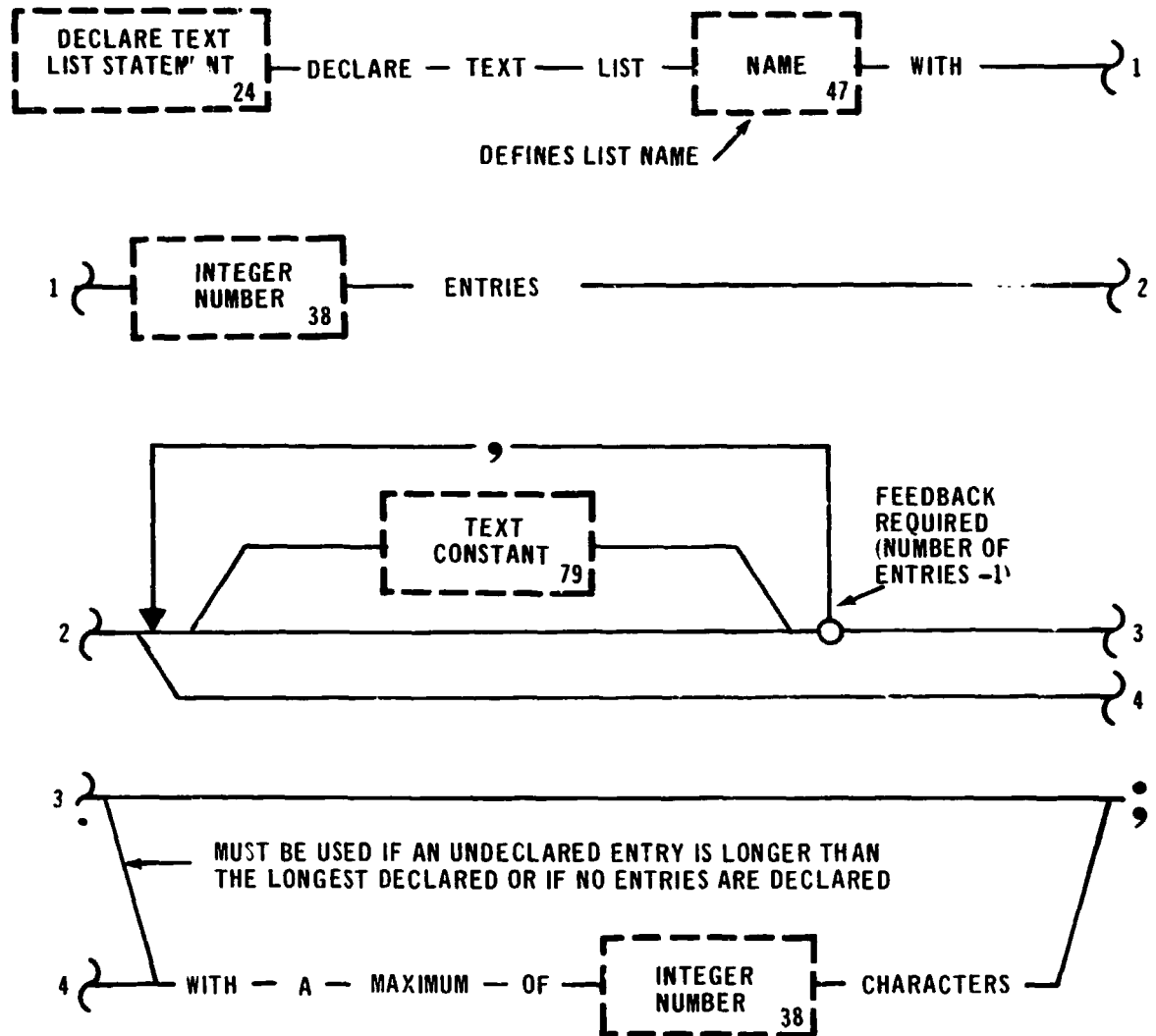


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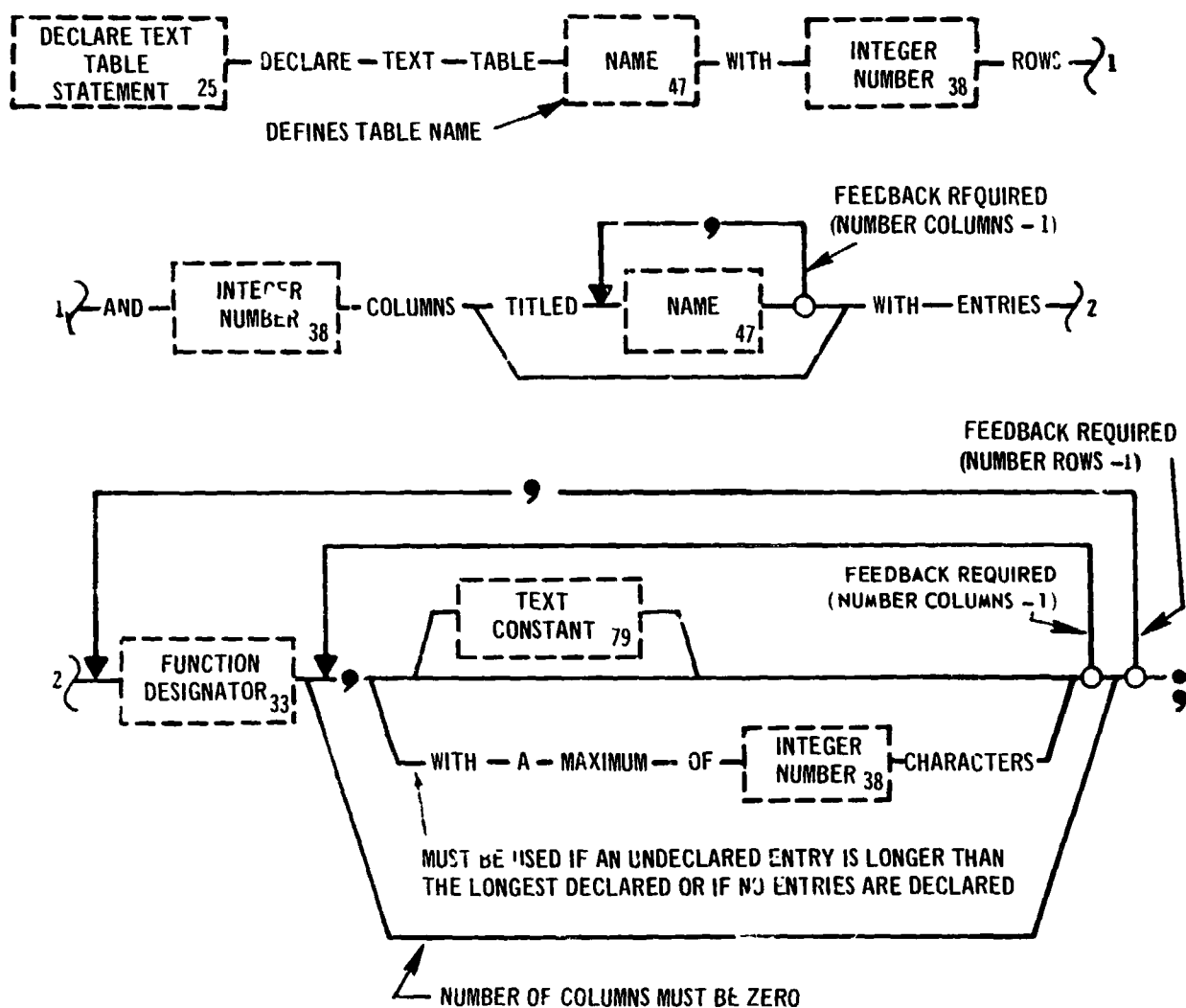


**DECLARE TEXT LIST**



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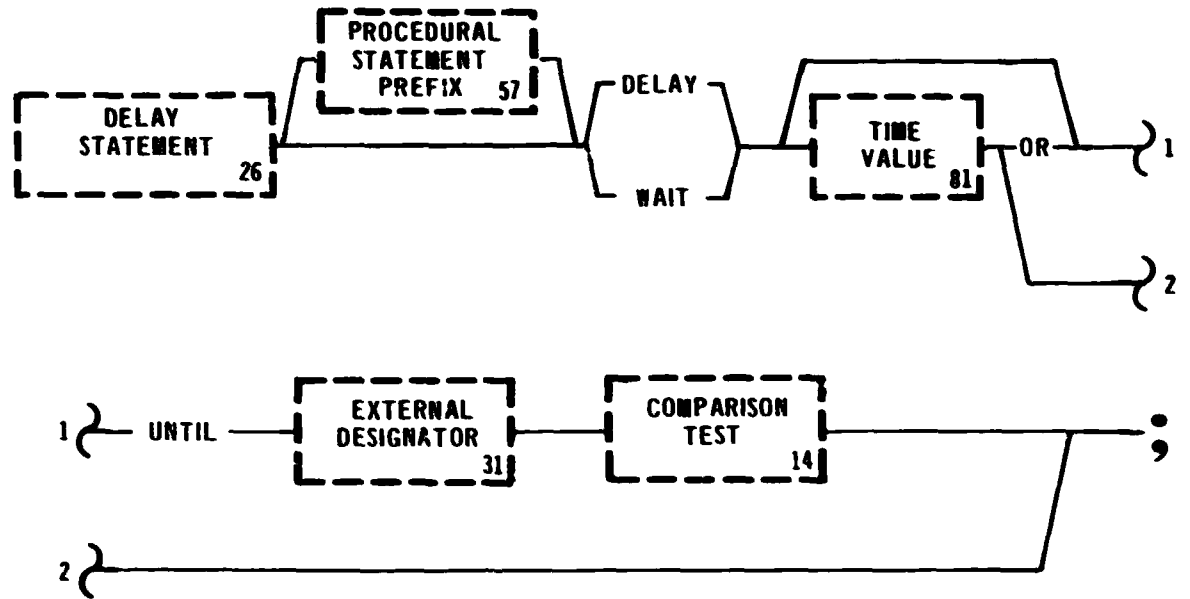
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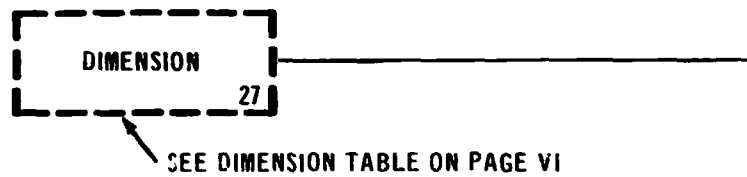
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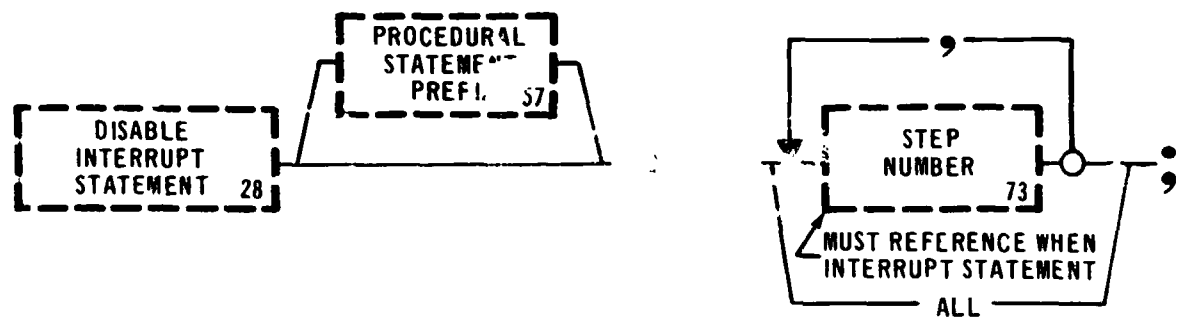
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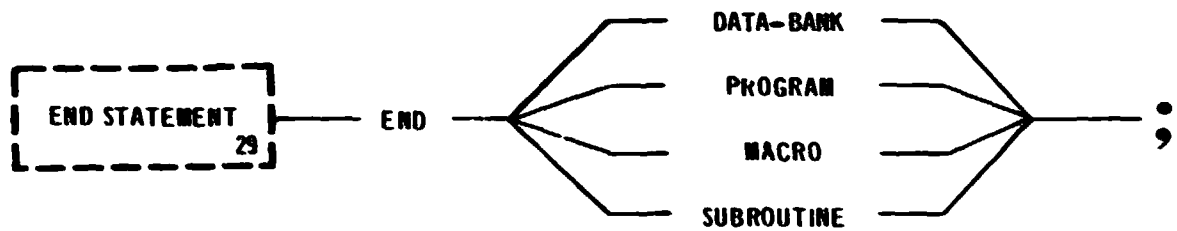
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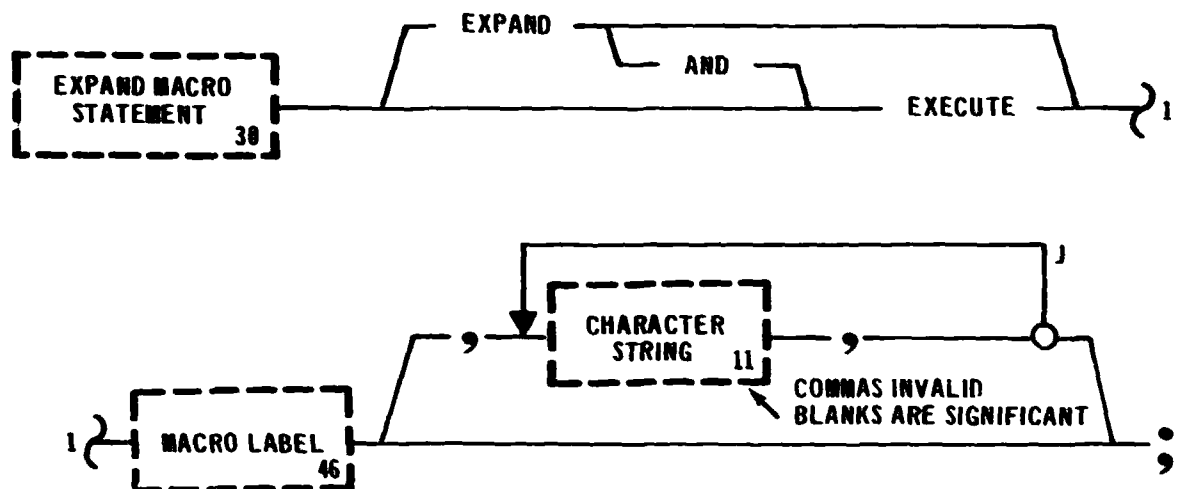
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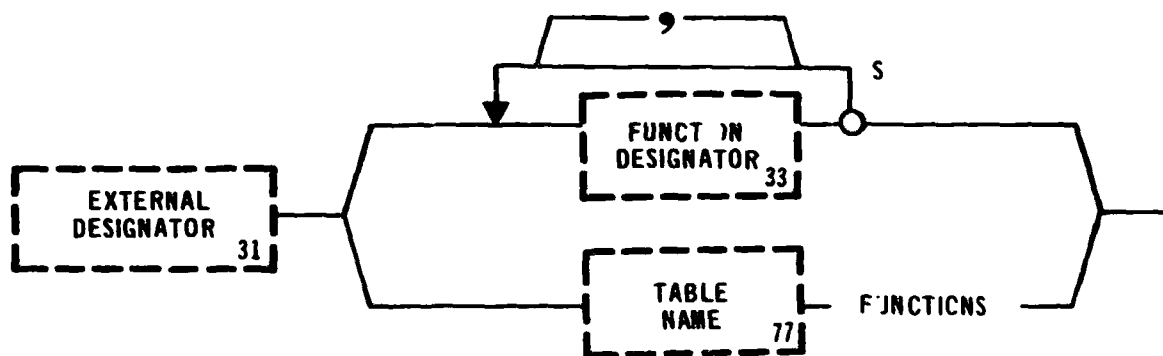
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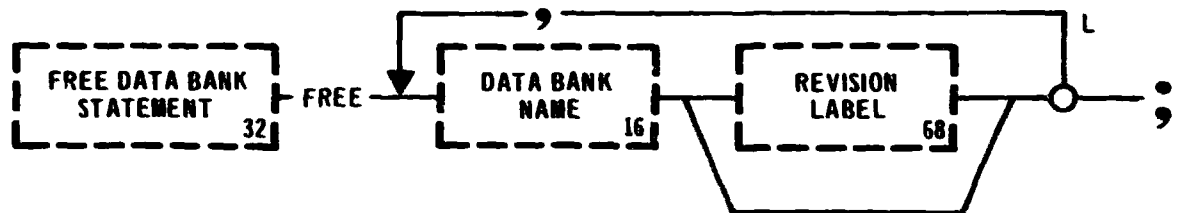
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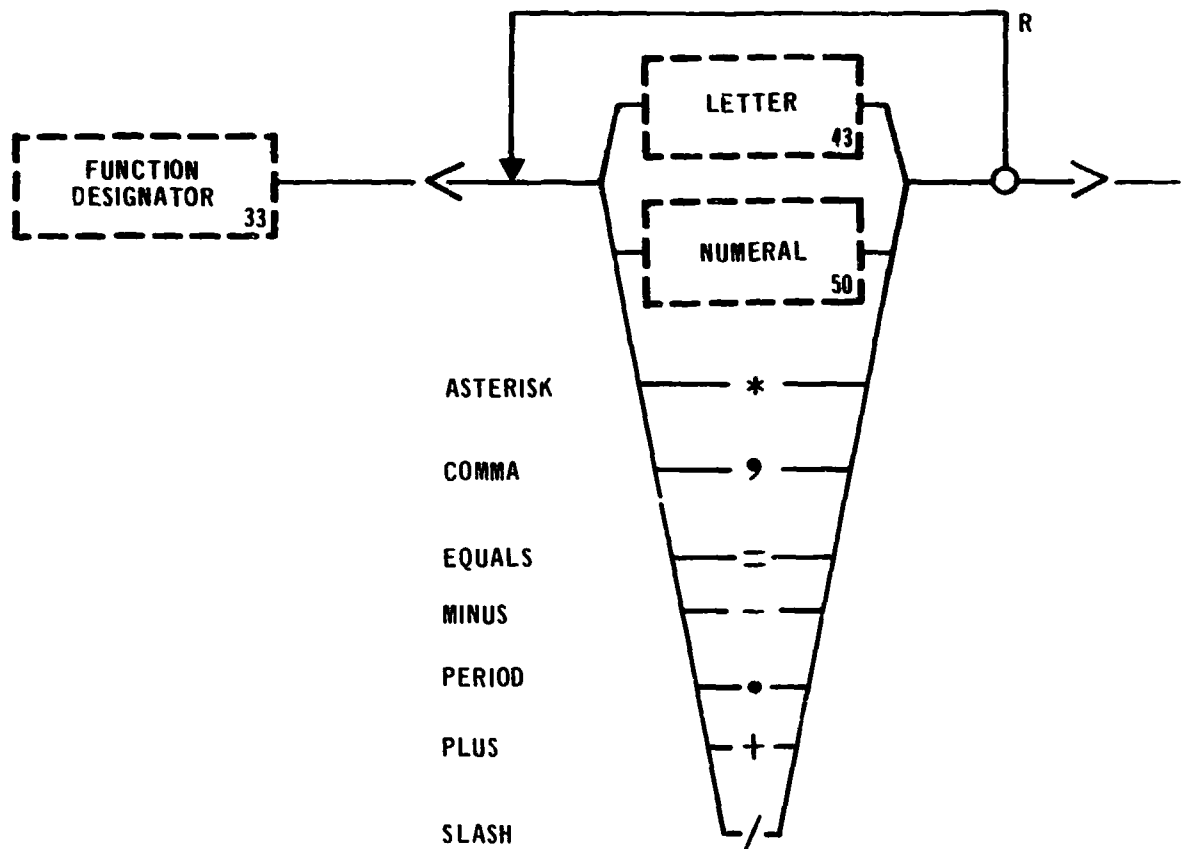
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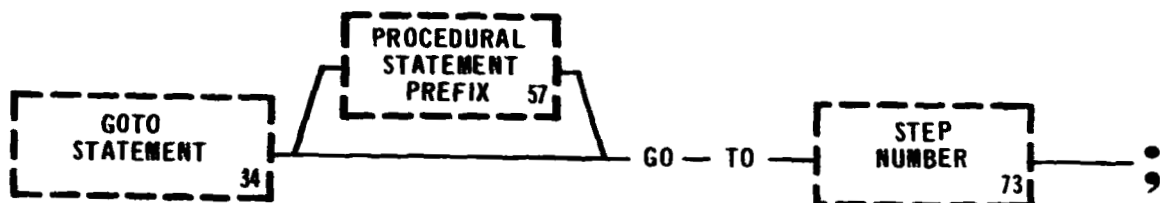
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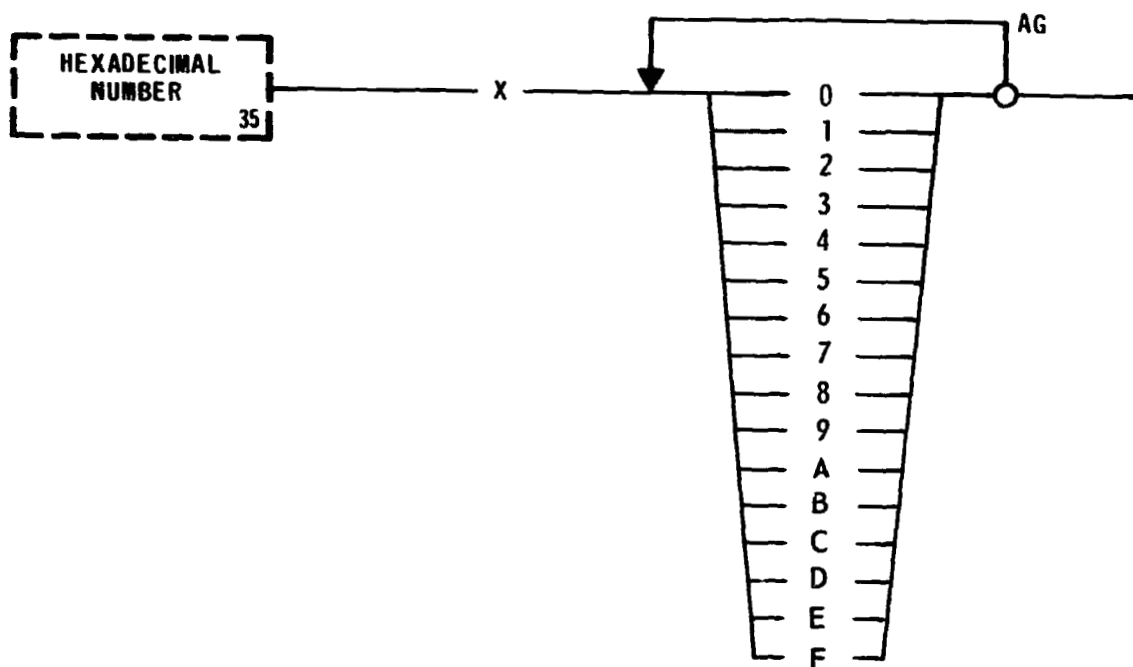
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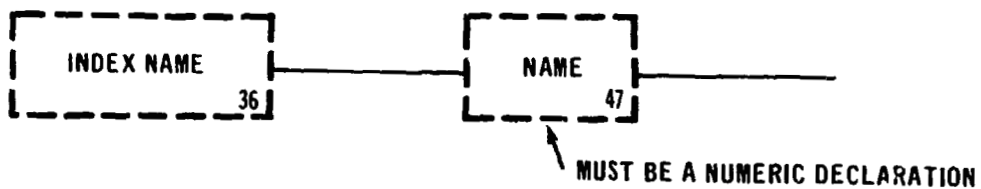
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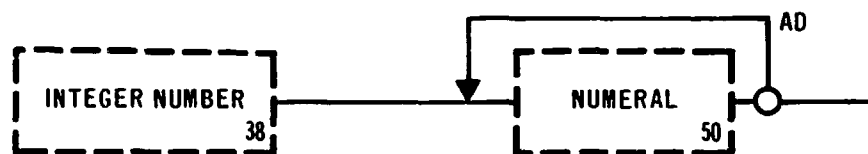


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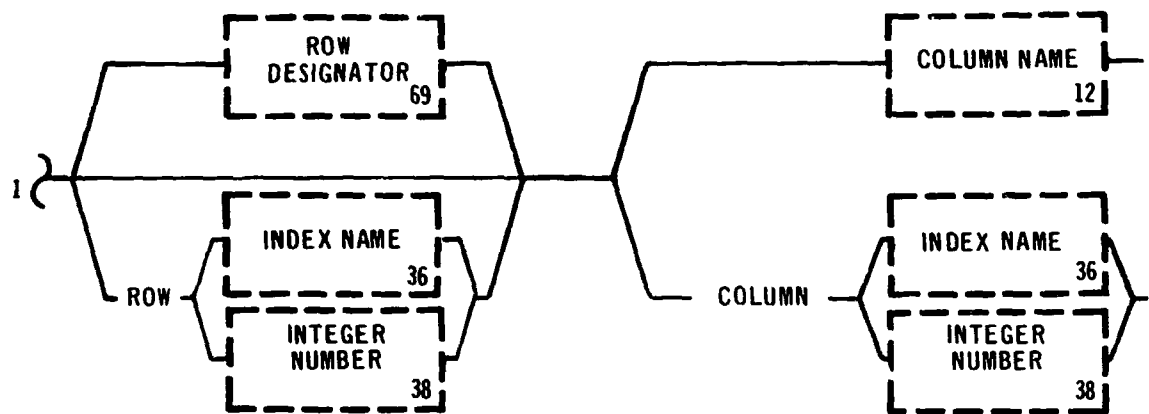
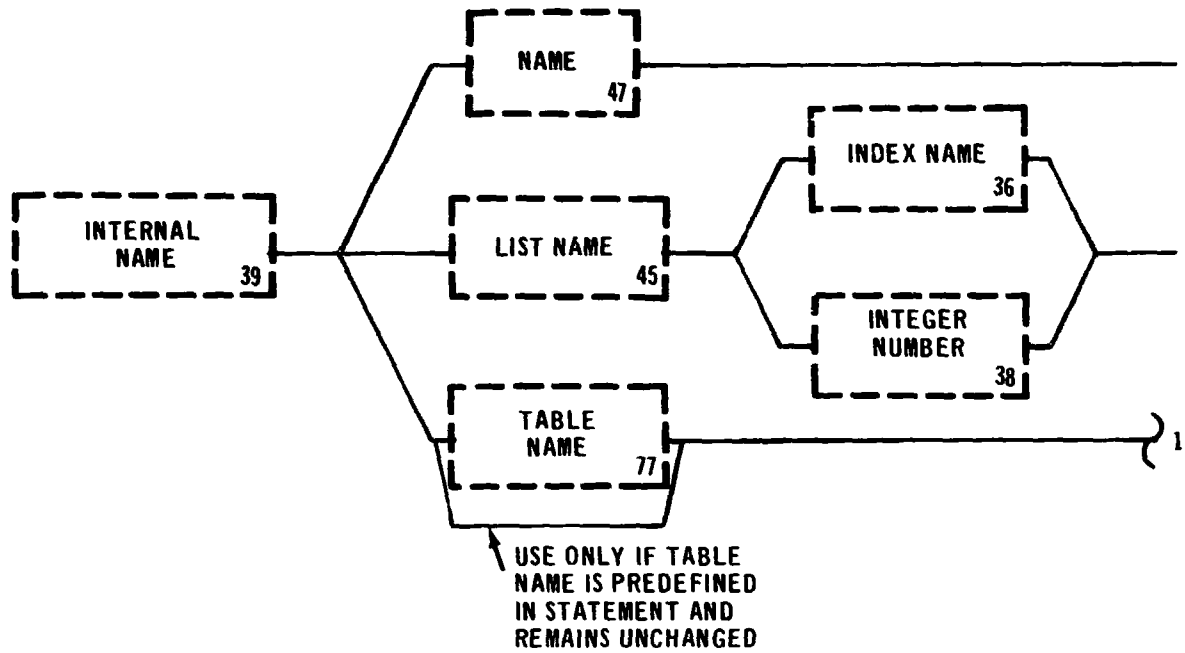


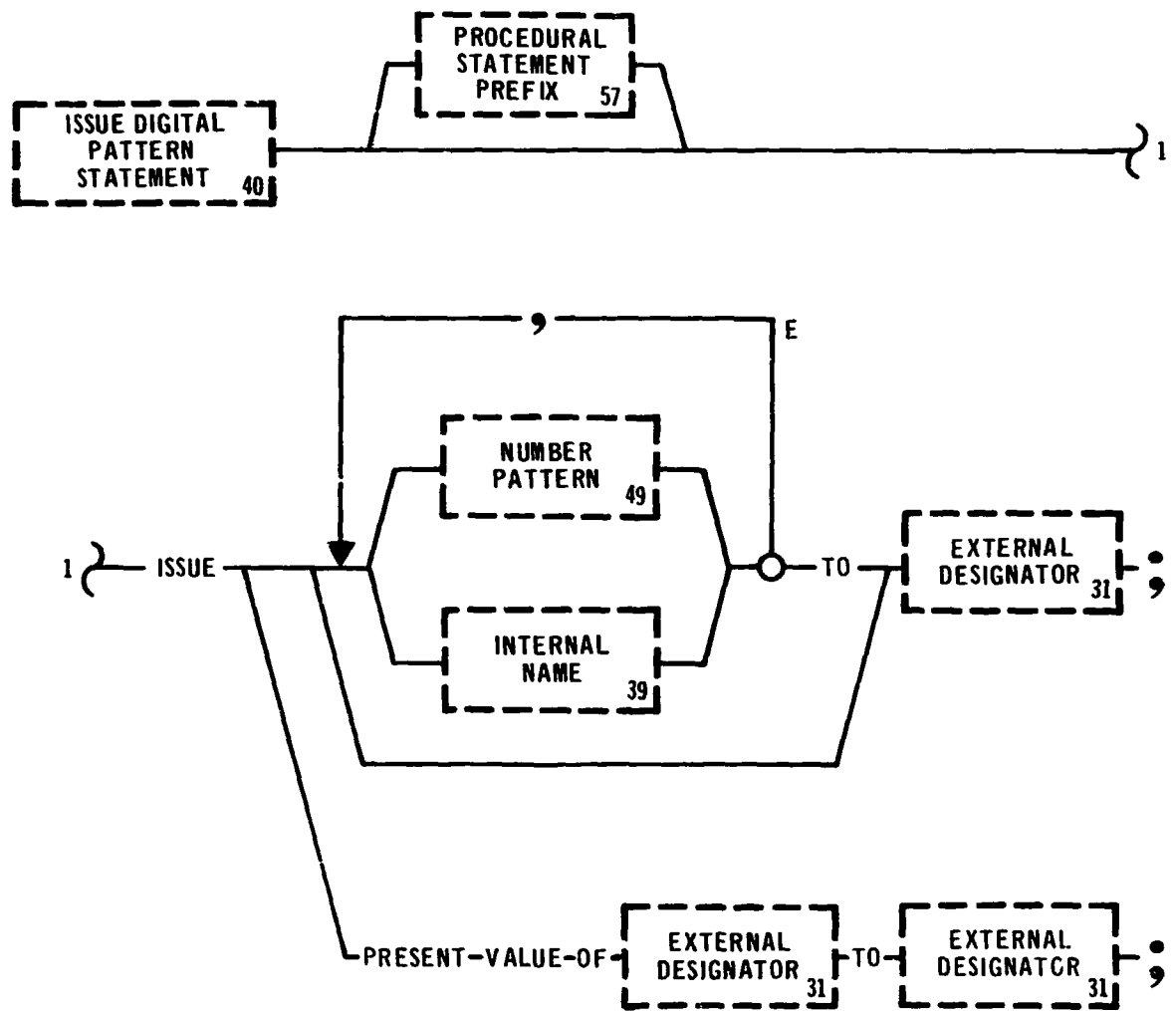
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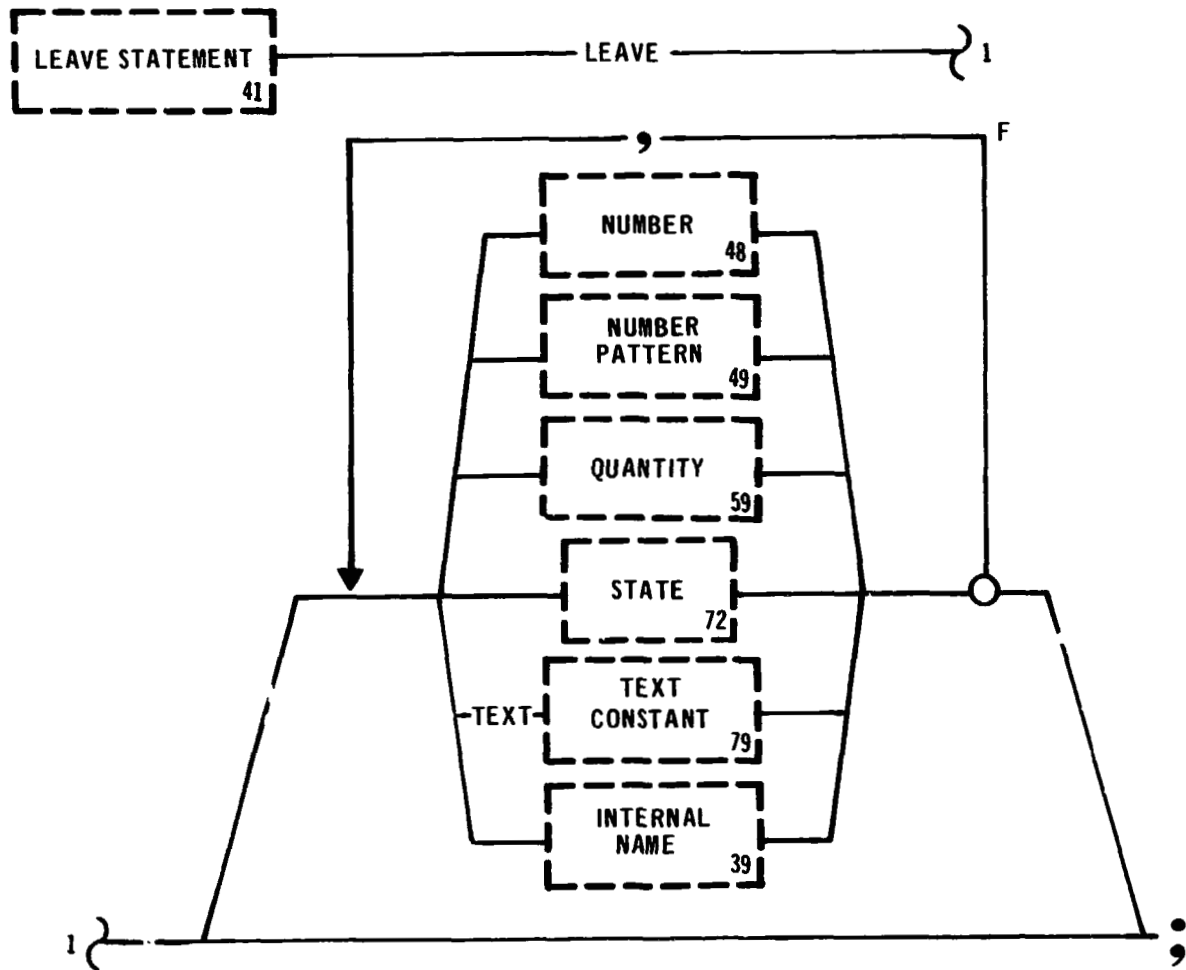




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# LEAVE STATEMENT

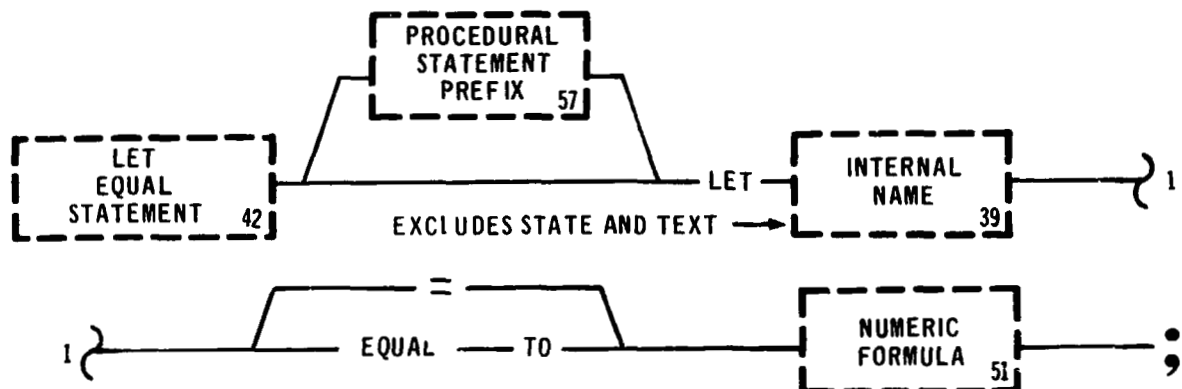
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LET

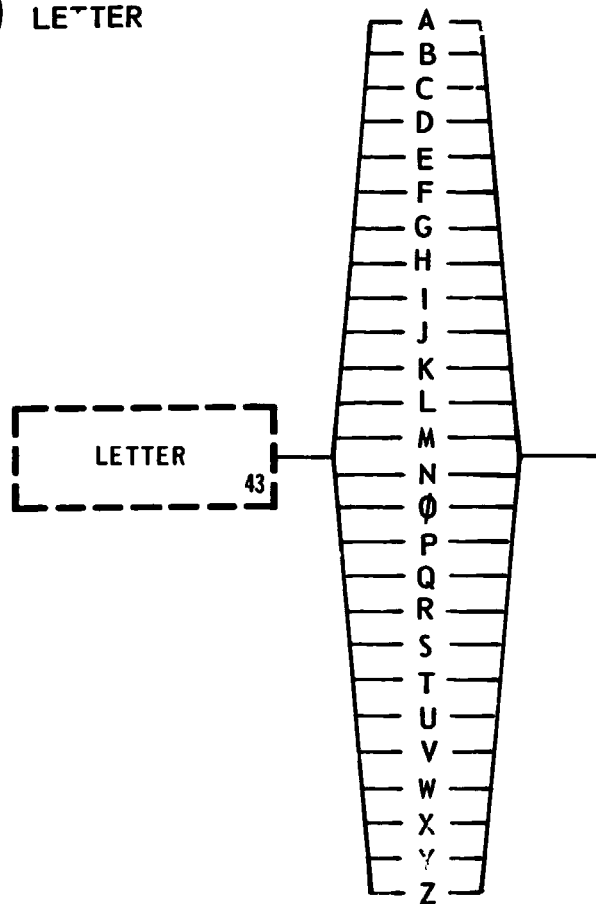
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# LET EQUAL STATEMENT



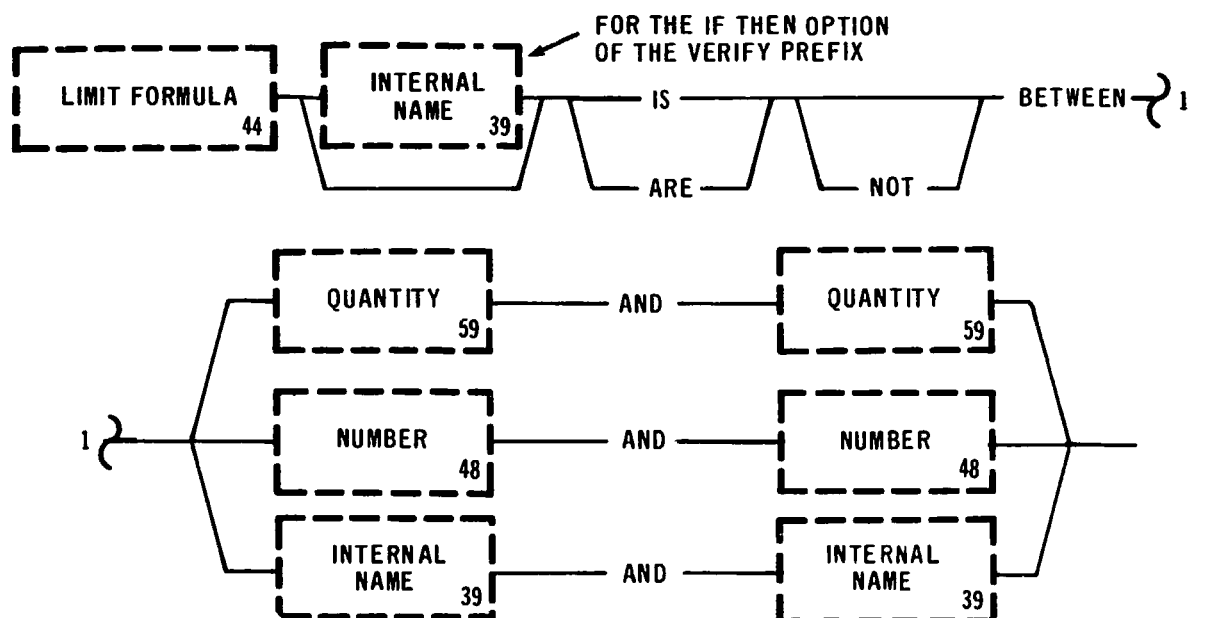
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LETTER



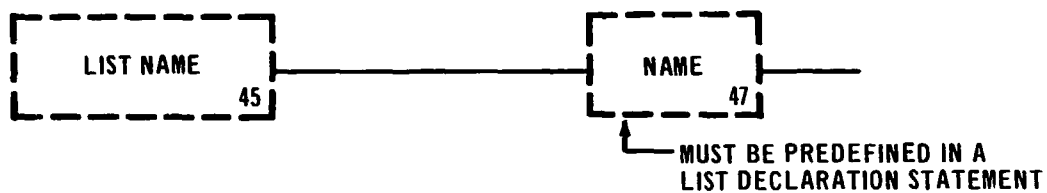
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LIMIT FORMULA



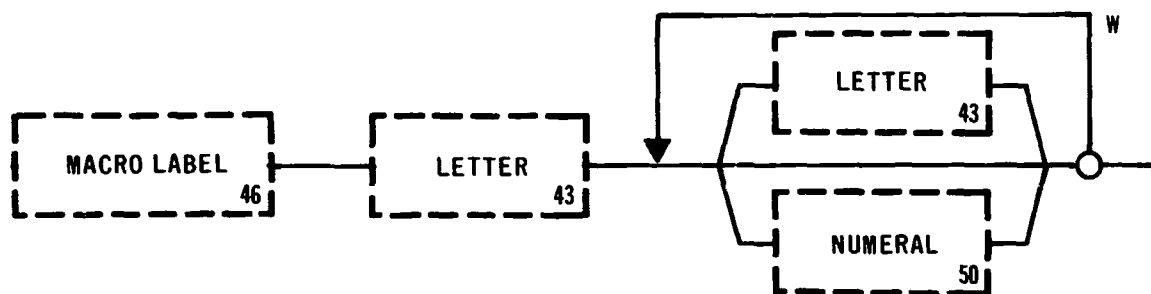
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LIST NAME



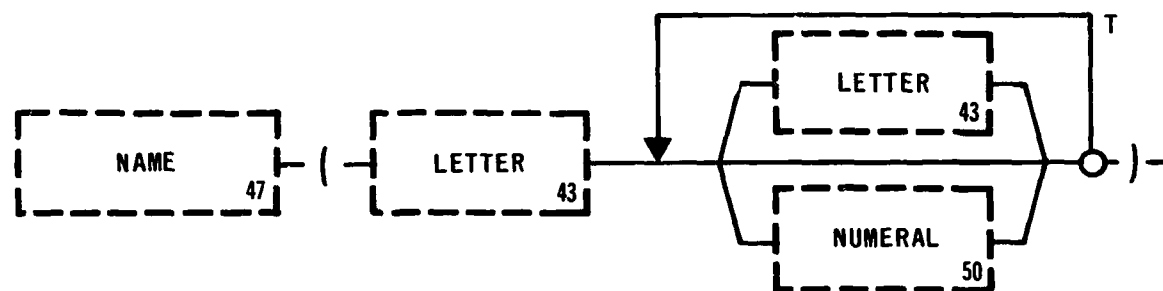
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MACRO LABEL



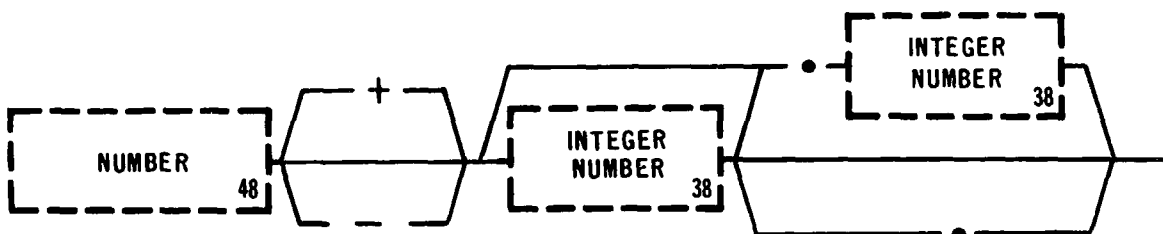
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NAME



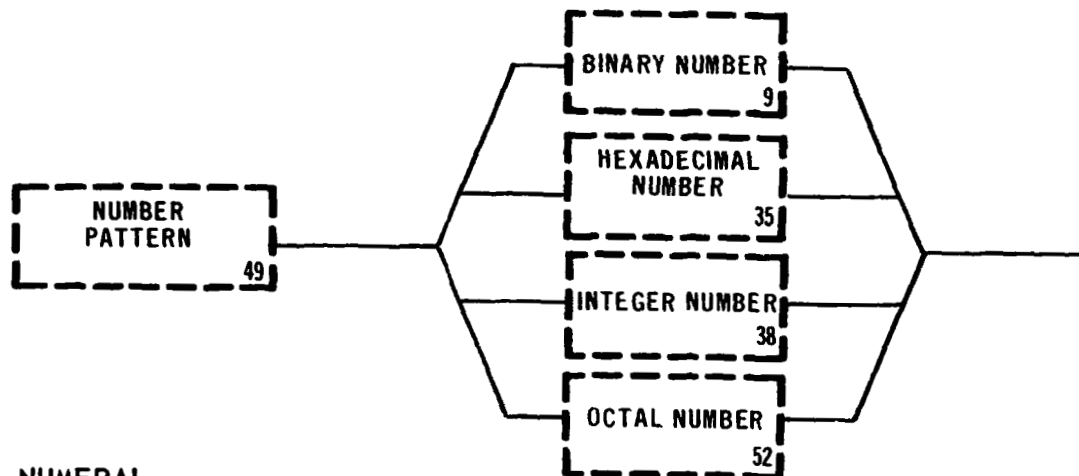
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NUMBER



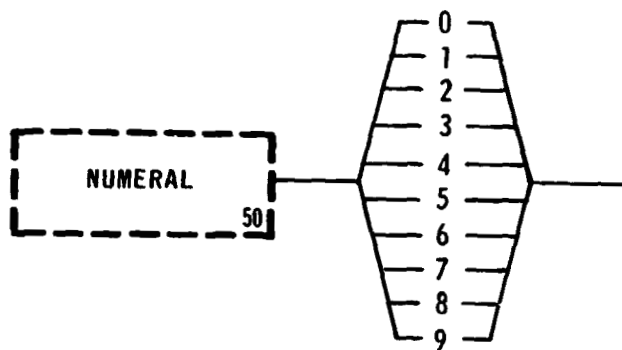
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## NUMBER PATTERN



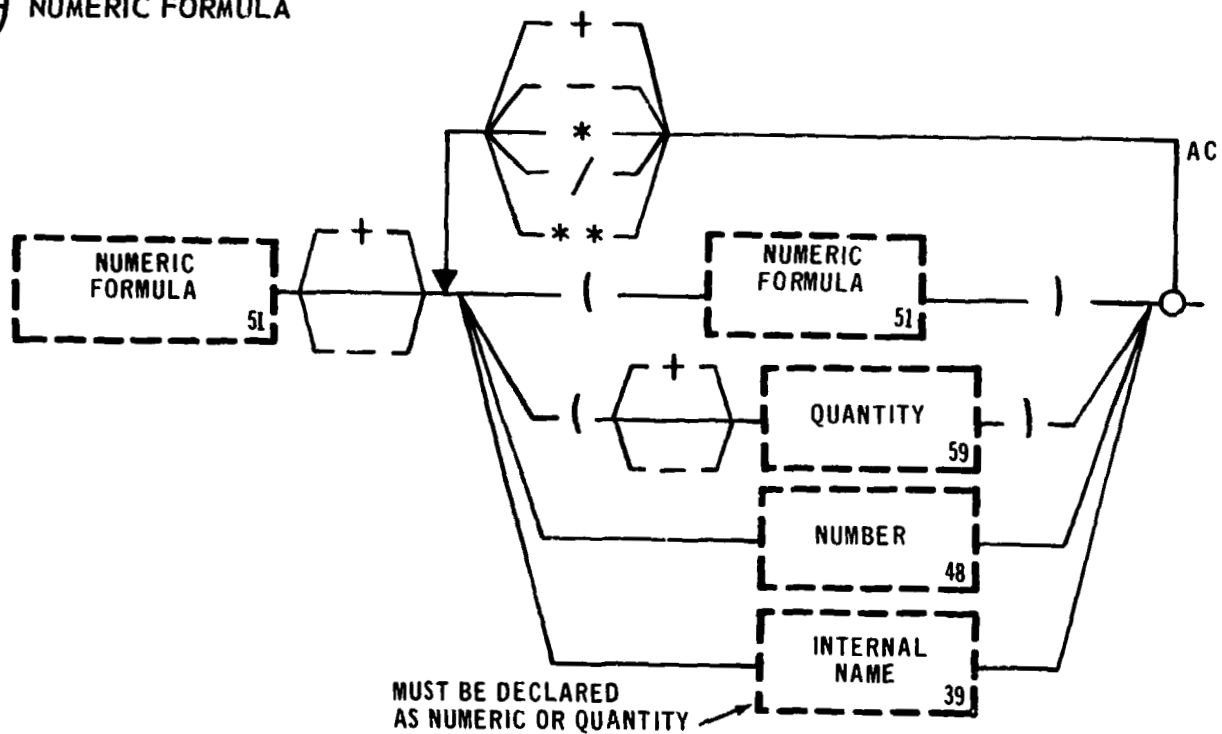
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## NUMERAL



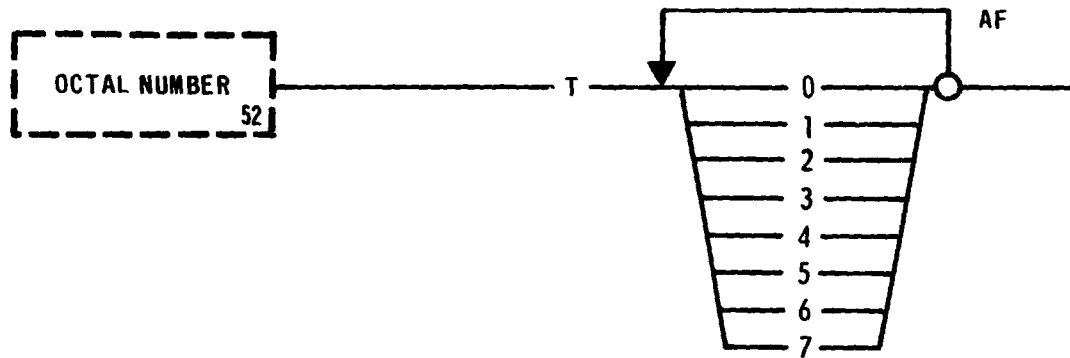
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## NUMERIC FORMULA



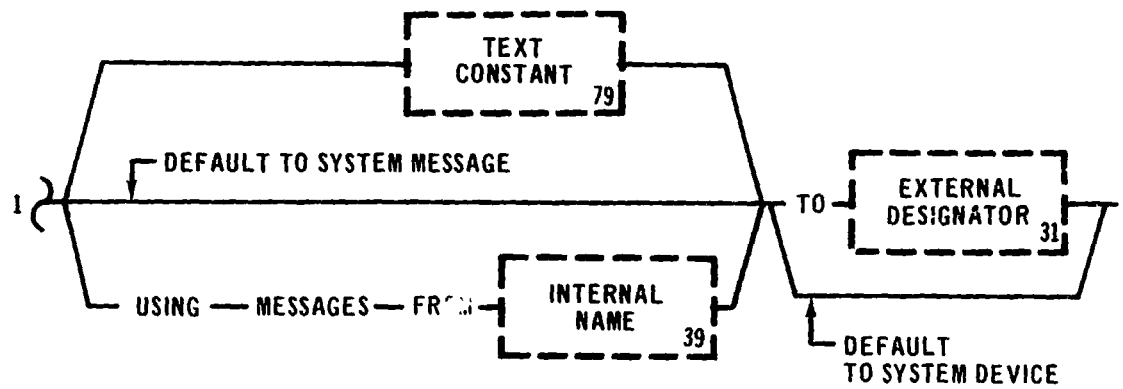
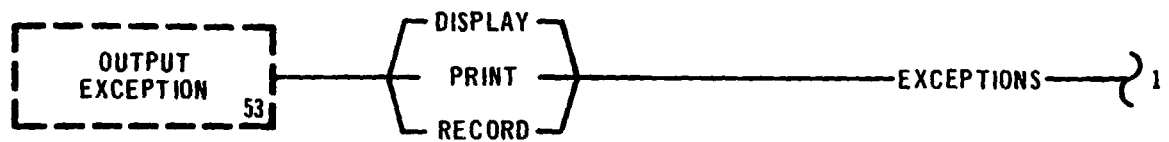
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REV 1

## OCTAL NUMBER



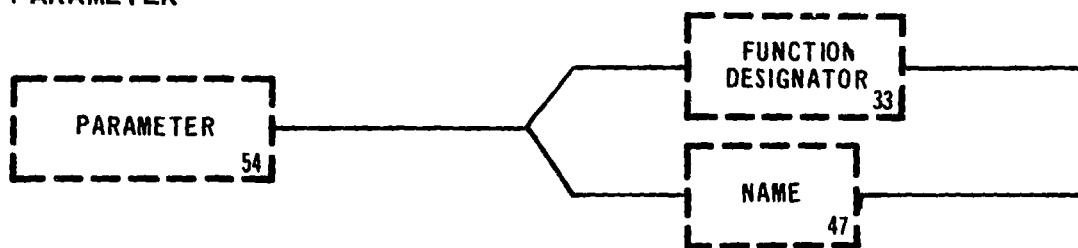
**53**  
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## OUTPUT EXCEPTION



**54**  
REV 1

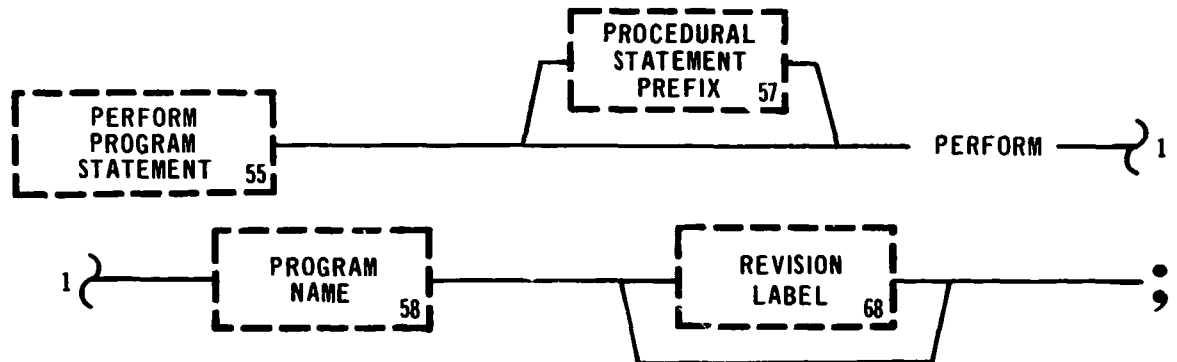
## PARAMETER



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## PERFORM PROGRAM STATEMENT

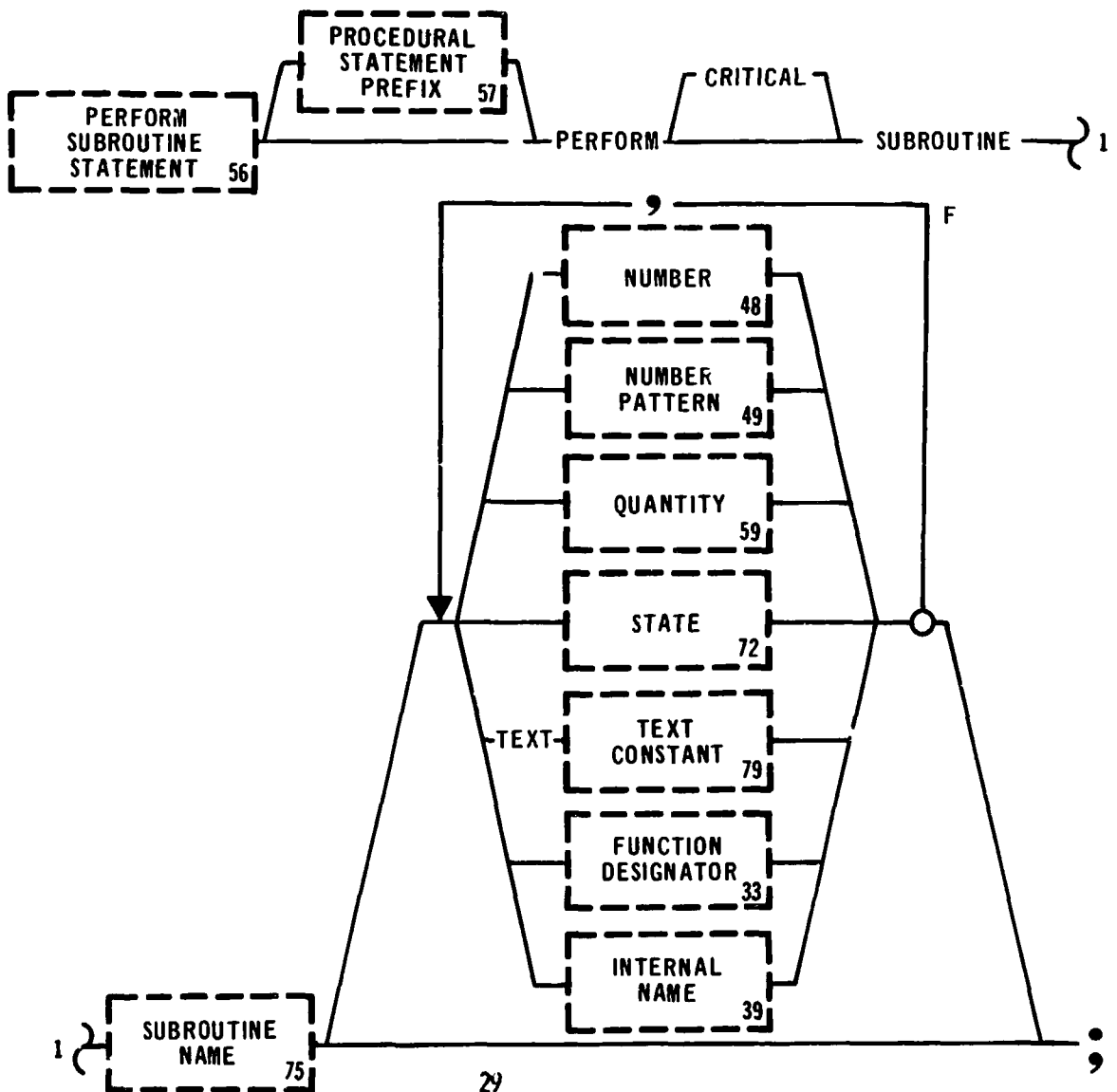
PERFORM



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REV 0

## PERFORM SUBROUTINE STATEMENT

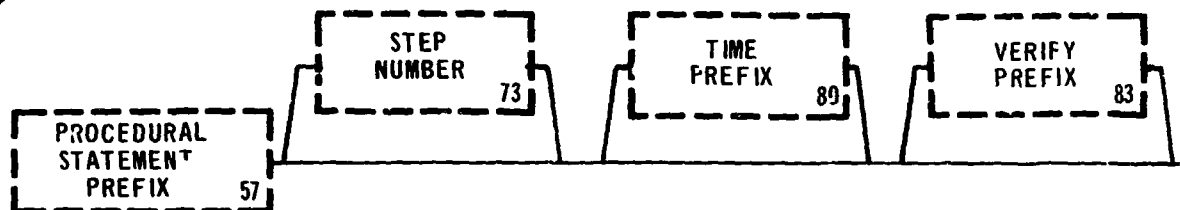
PERFORM SUBROUTINE





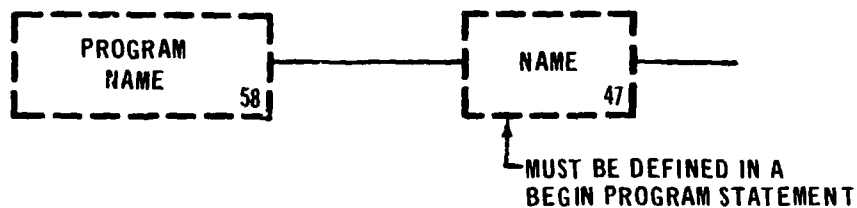
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## PROCEDURAL STATEMENT PREFIX



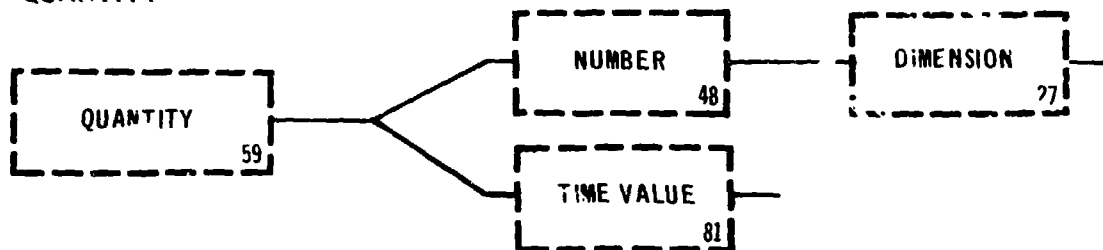
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REV 0

## PROGRAM NAME



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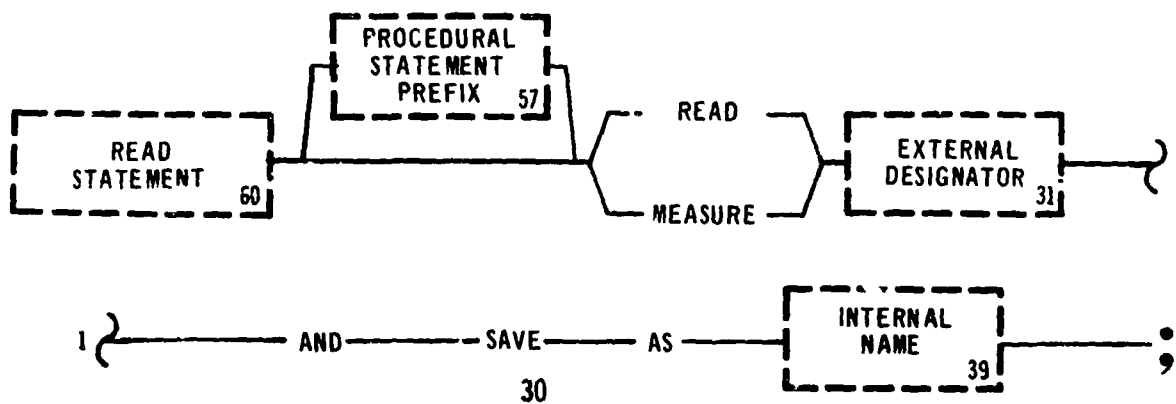
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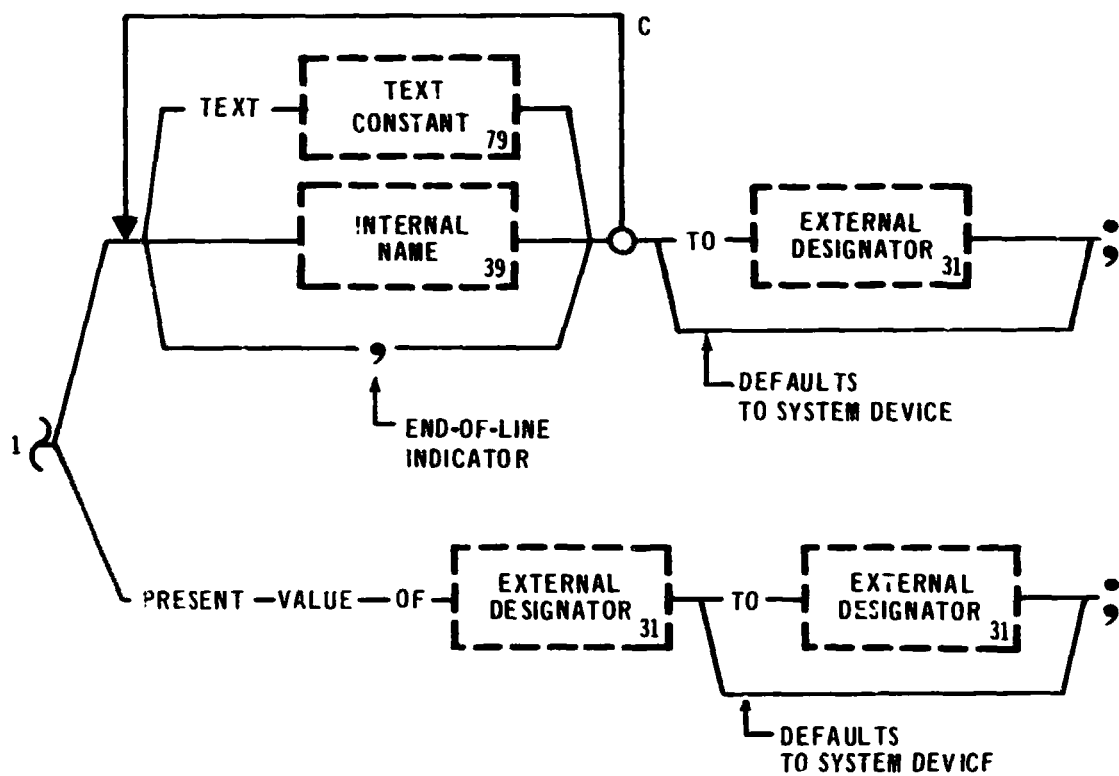
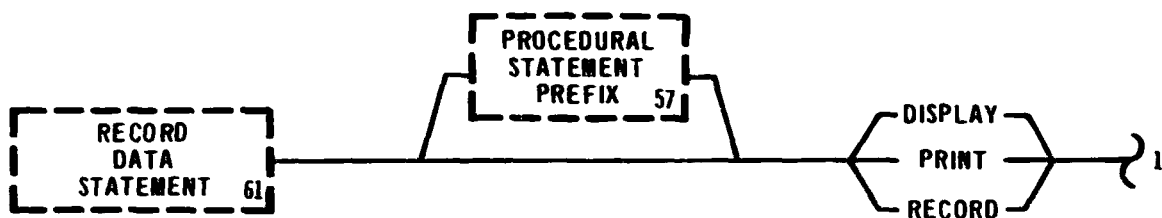


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## READ STATEMENT

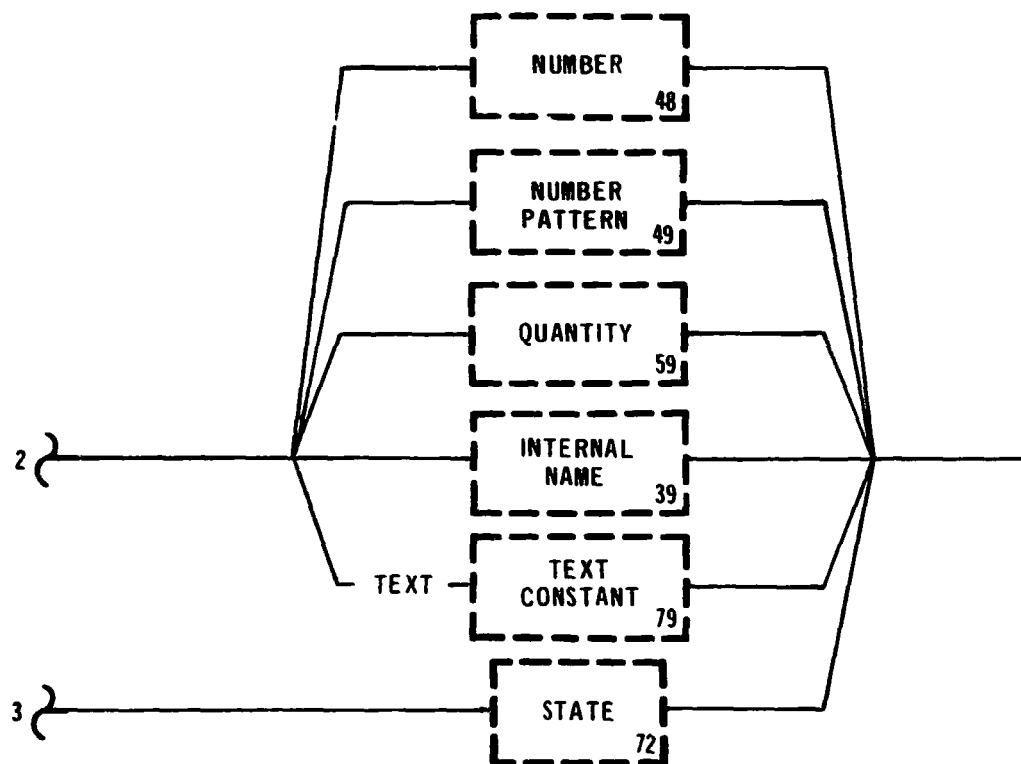
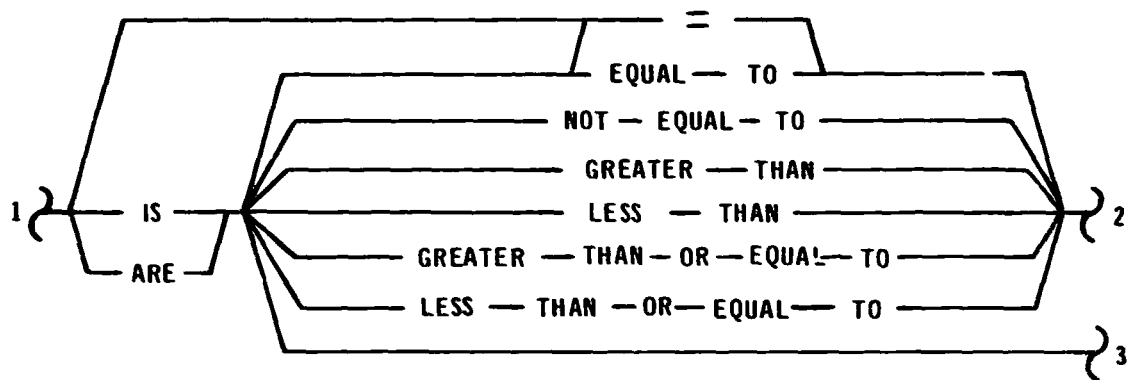
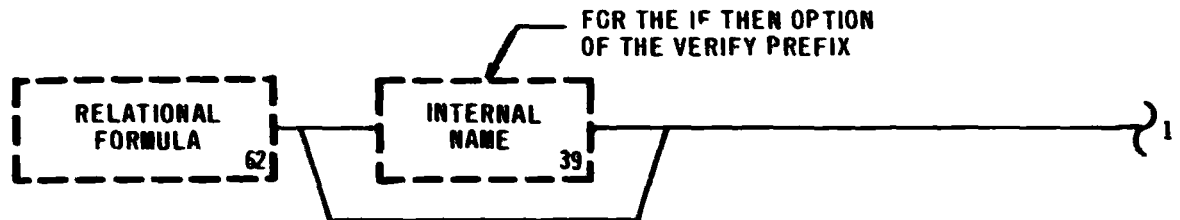
READ







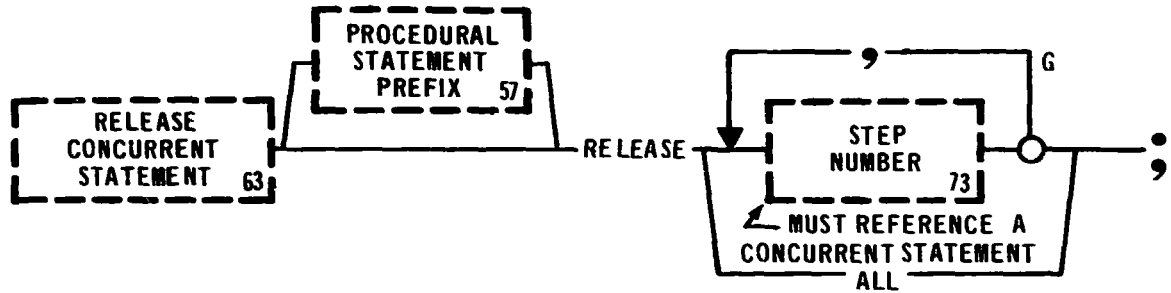
## RELATIONAL FORMULA



**63**  
REV 0

## RELEASE CONCURRENT STATEMENT

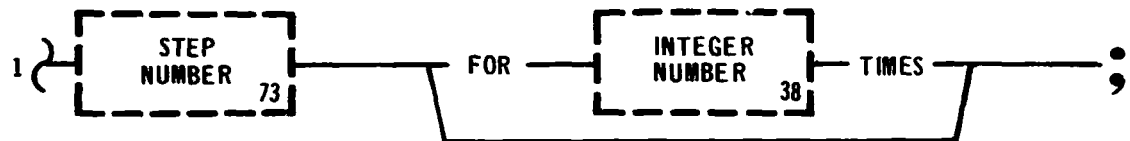
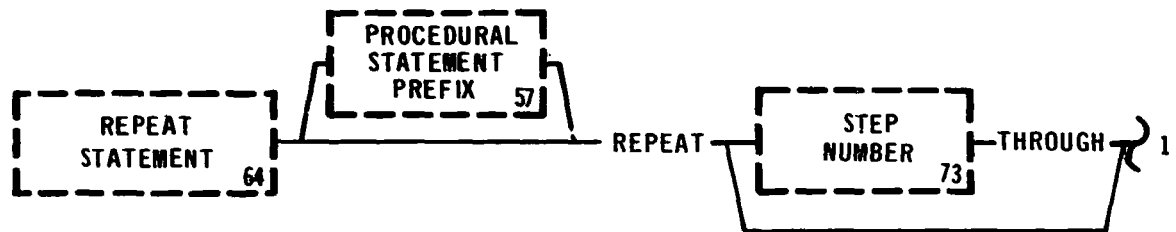
RELEASE



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REV 0

## REPEAT STATEMENT

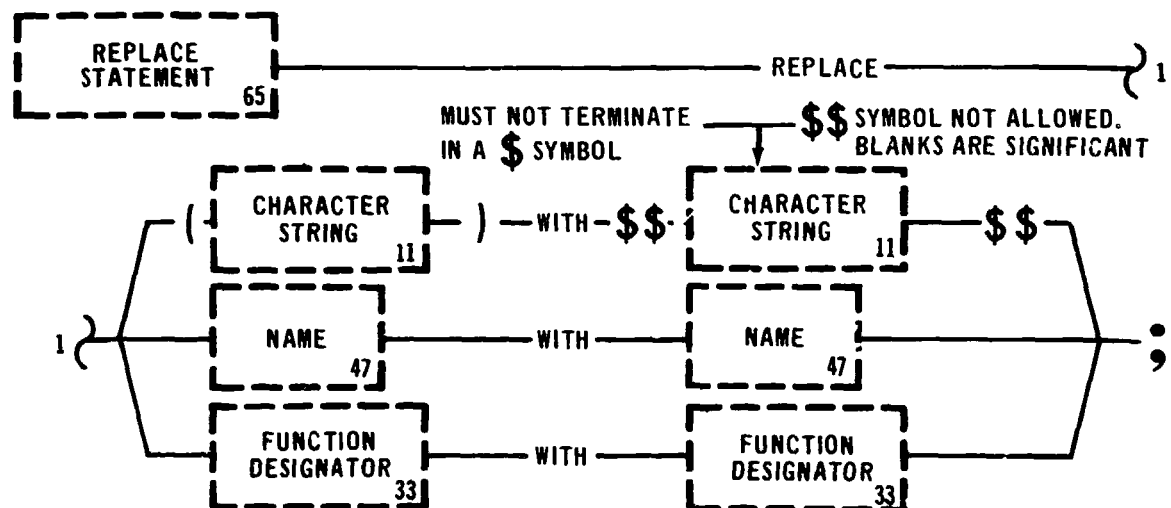
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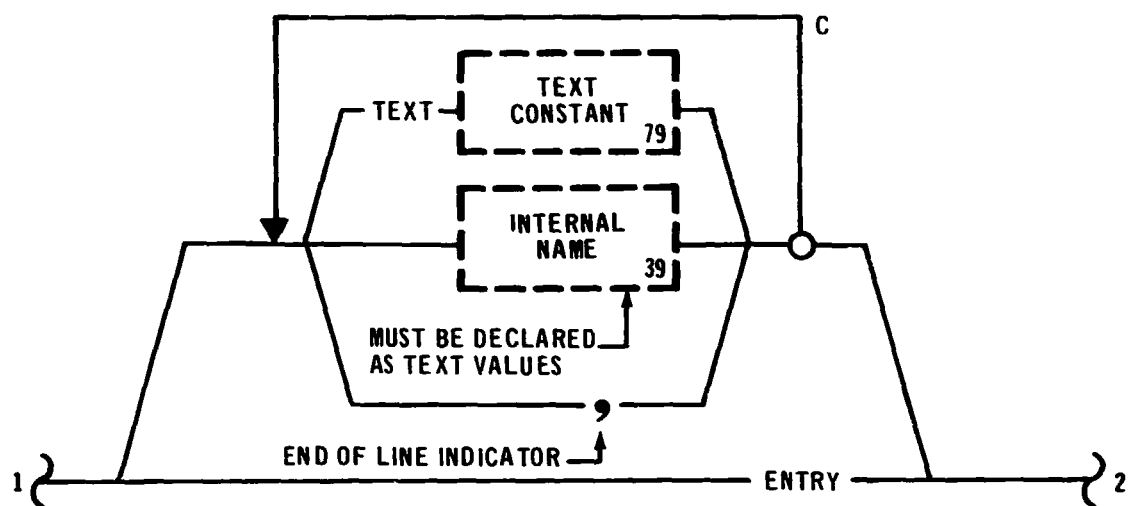
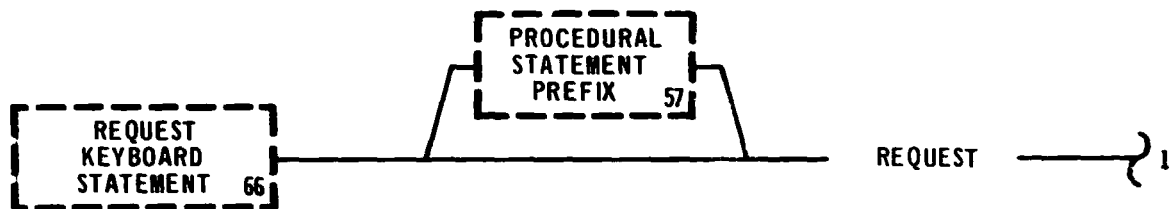


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REV 0

## REPLACE STATEMENT

REPLACE

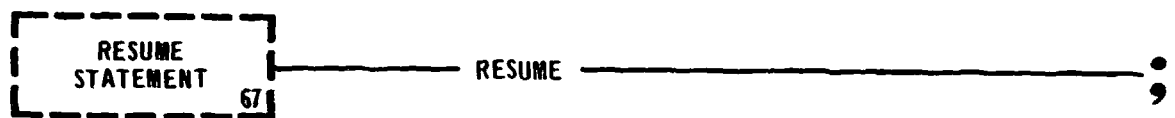




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REV 1

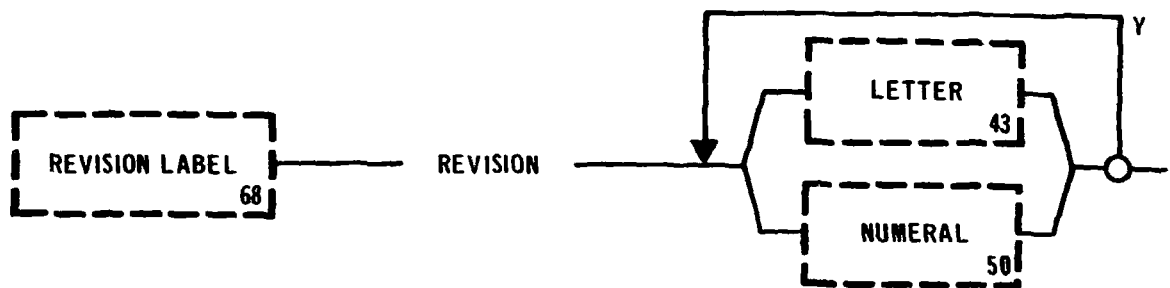
## RESUME STATEMENT

RESUME



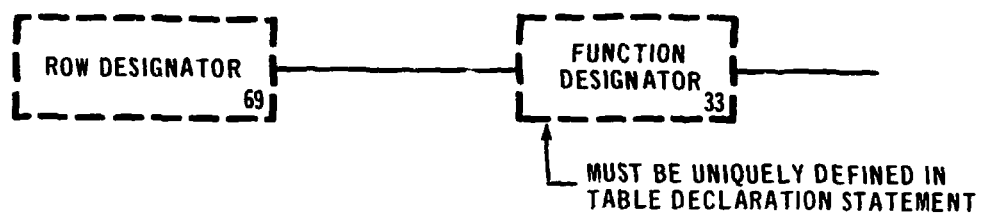
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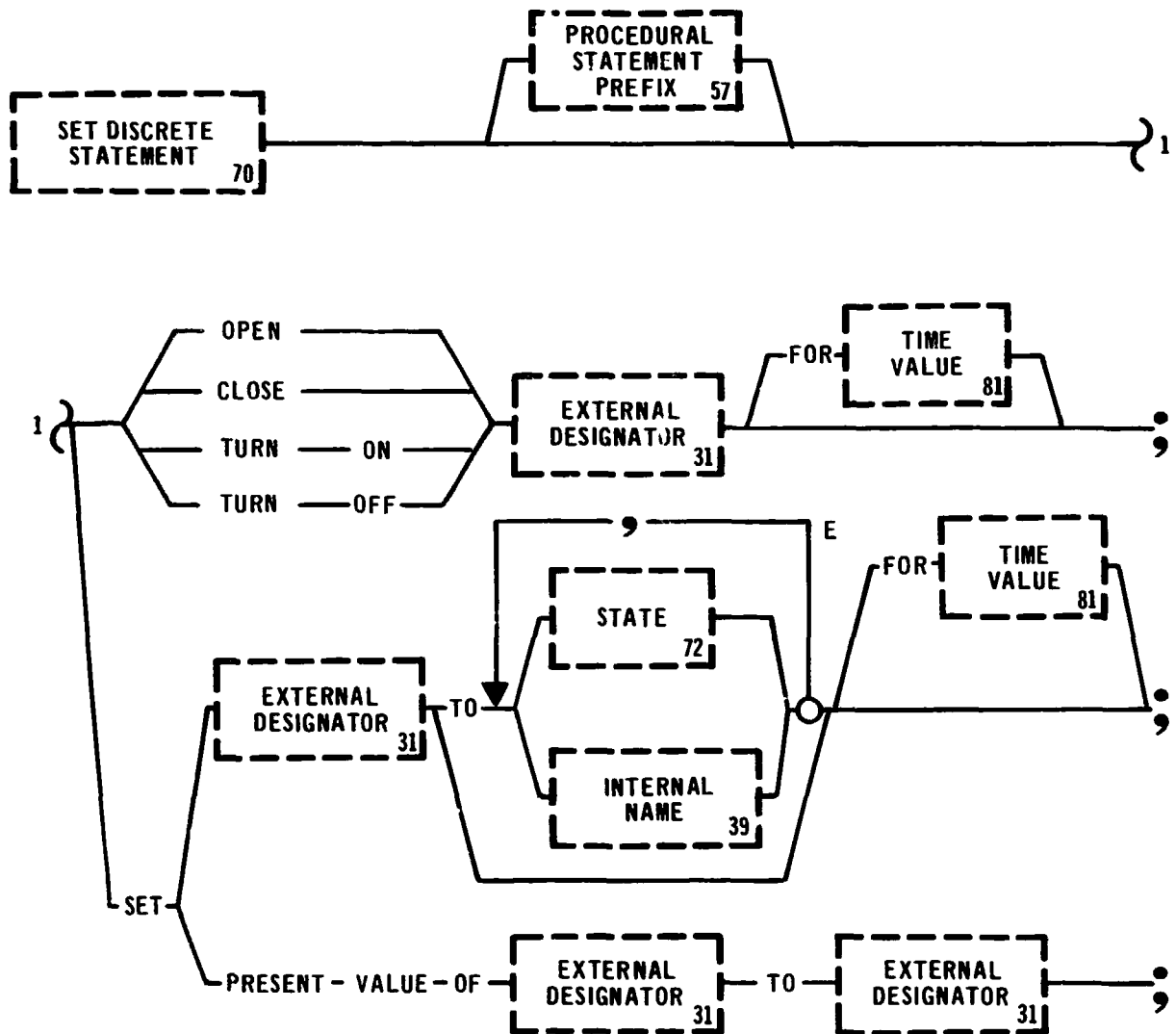
## REVISION LABEL



**69**  
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## ROW DESIGNATOR

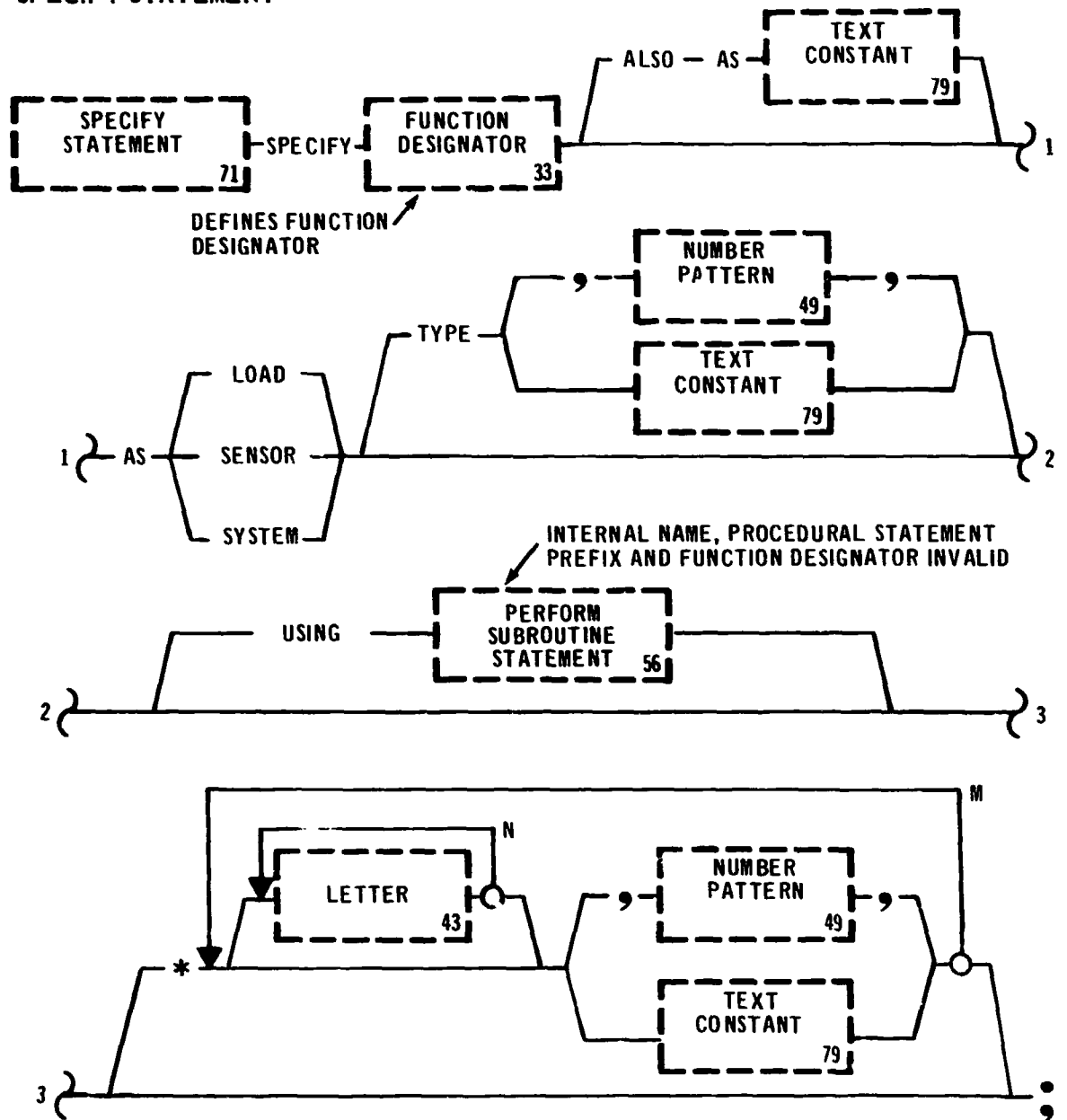




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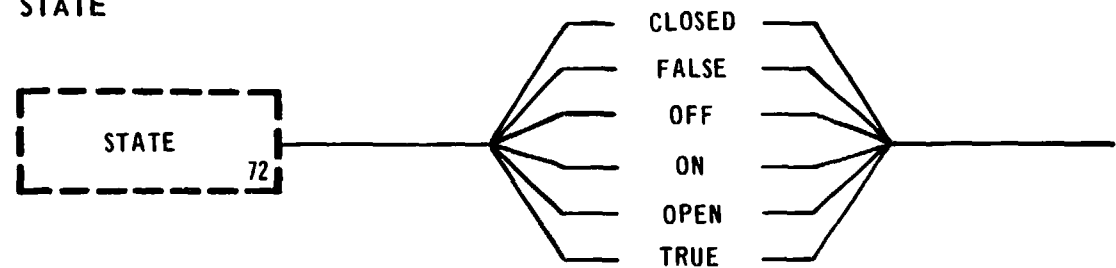
## SPECIFY STATEMENT

## SPECIFY



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REV 1

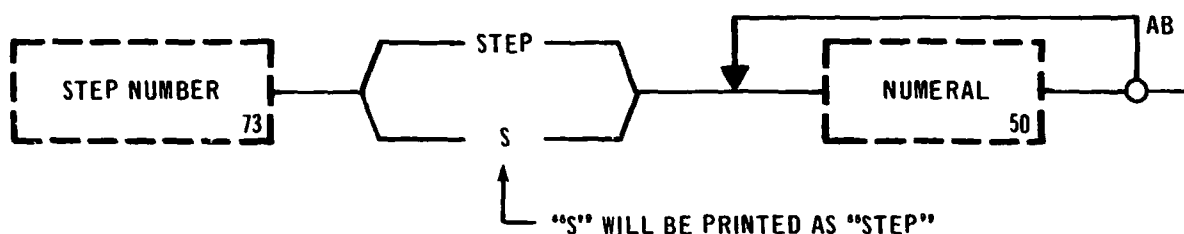
## STATE





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REV 1

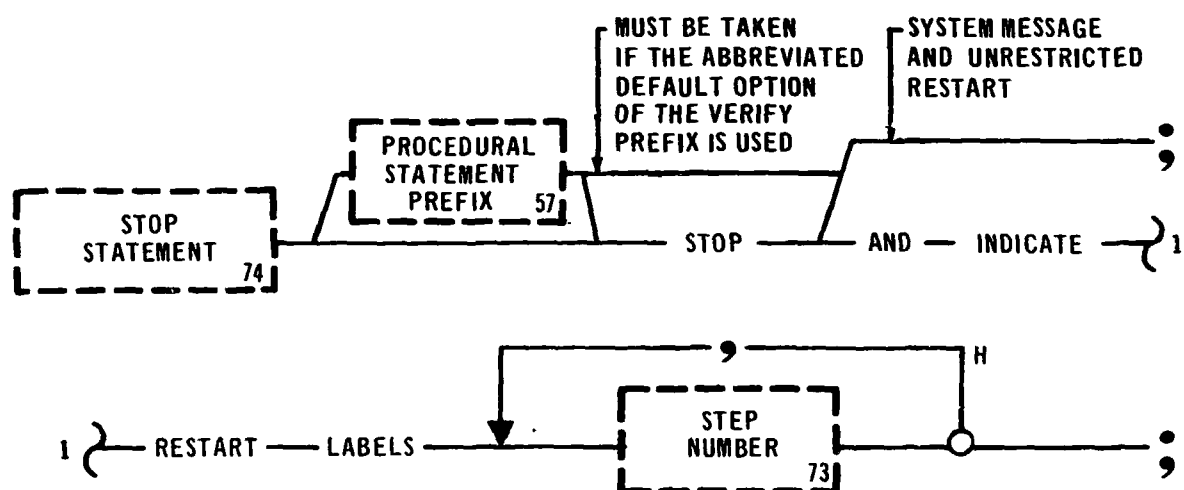
## STEP NUMBER



**74**  
REV 1

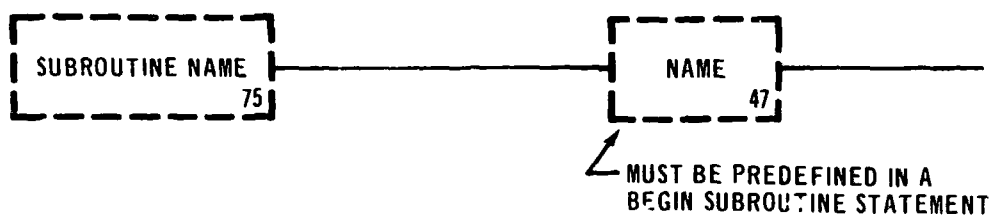
## STOP STATEMENT

**STOP**



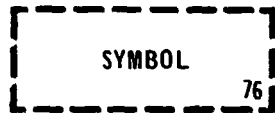
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## SUBROUTINE NAME





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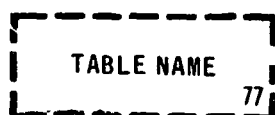
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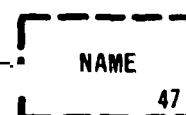
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## TABLE NAME



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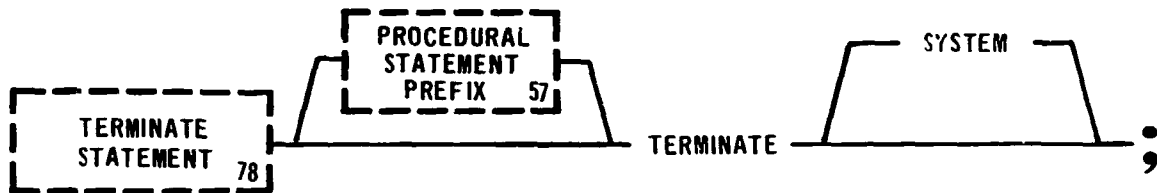


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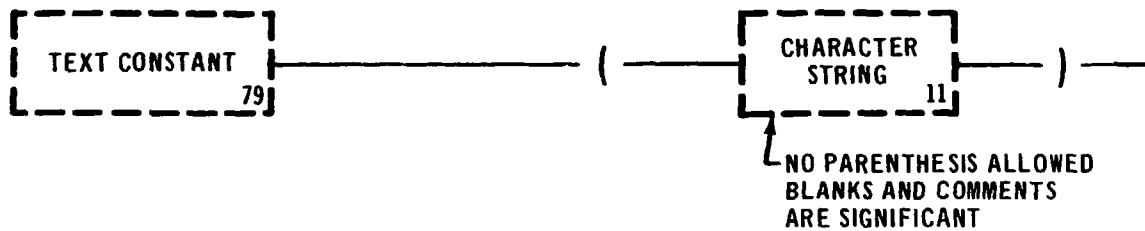
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TERMINATE



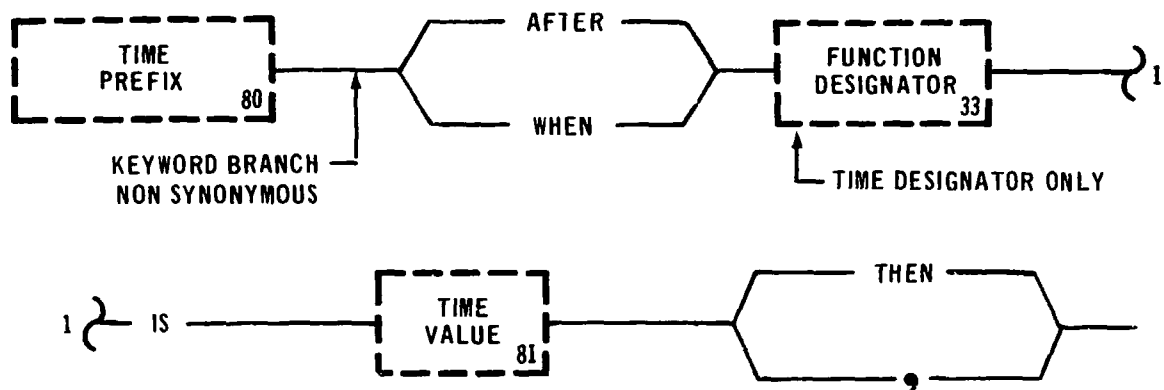
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## TEXT CONSTANT



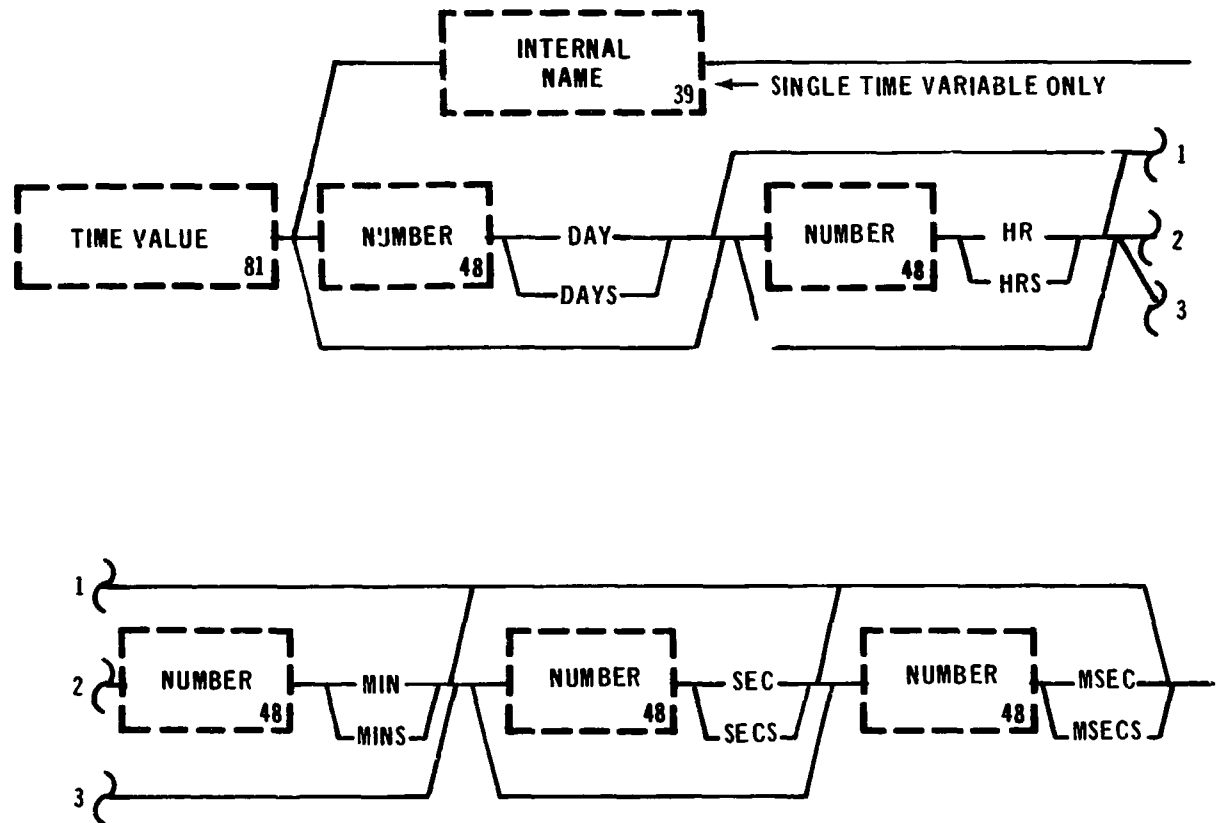
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## TIME PREFIX



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REV 1

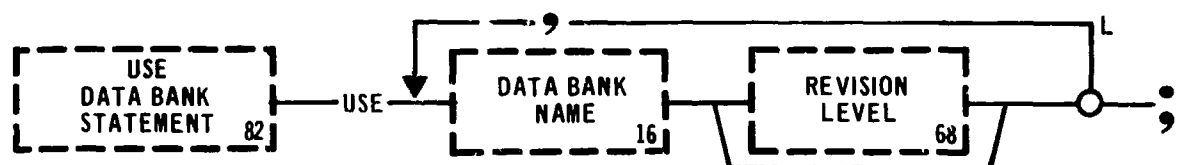
## TIME VALUE



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REV 0

## USE DATA BANK STATEMENT

USE





## VERIFY PREFIX

